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BOTH

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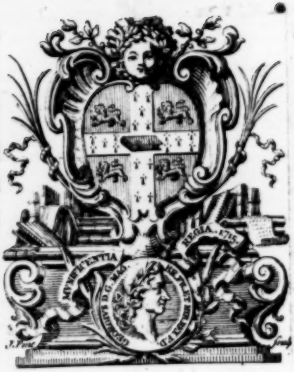

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THE BOOK OF OATHS, BOTH ANCIENT and MODERN.

The Ancient Oath *used and taken by the Kings of* England *at their Coronation.*

THat he ſhall keep and maintain the liberties of the Holy Church, of old time granted by the righteous Chriſtian Kings of *England*; and that he ſhall keep all the Lands, Honours, and Dignities, righteous and free of the Crown of *England*, in all manner holy, without any manner of miniſhments;

and the rights of the Crown hurt, decay, or loſs to his power ſhall call again into the ancient eſtate: And that he ſhall keep the peace of the holy Church and of the Clergy, and of the People with good accord; And that he ſhall do in his Judgement Equity and right Juſtice, with diſcretion and mercy; And that he ſhall grant to hold the Laws and Cuſtomes of the Realm, and to his power keep them, and affirm them which the Flock and People have choſen; And the evil Laws and Cuſtomes wholly to put out, and ſtedfaſt and ſtable peace to the People of his Realm keep, and cauſe to be kept to his power.

The new Oath *uſed and taken by the Kings of* England *at their Coronation.*

THe King ſhall then ſwear, that he ſhall keep and maintain the lawful Right, and the Liberties of old time granted by the Righteous Chriſtian **Kings** of *England*, to the holy Church of *England*, not prejudicial to his Juriſdiction and Dignity Royal, and that he ſhall keep all the Lands, Honours, and Dignities, Rights and Freedomes, of the Crown of *England*, in all manner whole, without any manner of miniſhment, and the Right of the Crown hurt, decay, or loſt, to his power ſhall call again into the

King H. 8. *corrected the old Oath with his own hand to the effect of this: The Original is in the hands of Sir* Rob. Cotton, *Kt. Bar.* 1625.

the ancient eſtate; and that he ſhall endeavour himſelf to keep unity in his Clergy and Temporal Subiects; and that he ſhall according to his Conſcience in all his Judgments miniſter Equity, Right, and Juſtice, ſhewing where is to be ſhewed mercy; and that he ſhall grant to hold the Laws and approved Cuſtomes of the Realm, and lawful, and not prejudicial to his Crown, or imperial Juriſdiction, to his power keep them, and affirm them which the Nobles and People have made and choſen with his conſent, and the evil Laws and Cuſtomes wholly to put out, and ſtedfaſt and ſtable peace to the People of his Realm keep, and cauſe to be kept to his power in thoſe which honour and Equity do require.

The Oath *of a Privy Counſellor.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, To the uttermoſt part of your cunning, wit, will, and power: you ſhall be true and faithful to the **Queens Majeſty** our moſt dear and Soveraign Lady, and to her Highneſs Heirs and Succeſſors, **Kings** and **Queens** of *England*, according to the limitation of the Statute made in the year of her Reign for the eſtabliſhment of the Succeſſion of the Crown Imperial of this Realm; You ſhall not know nor hear any thing, that may in any wayes be prejudicial to her **Majeſty**, or to her Heirs and Succeſſors in form aforeſaid, or to

the Commonwealths peace, and quiet of this her **Majeſties** Realm; but you ſhall with all diligence reveal and diſcloſe the ſame to her **Majeſty**, or to ſuch perſon or perſons of her **Highneſs** Privy Counſel as you ſhall think may and will honeſtly convey and bring it to her **Majeſties** knowledge; you ſhall ſerve her **Majeſty** truly and faithfully in the room and place of her **Highneſſe** Privy Council; you ſhall keep cloſe and ſecret all ſuch matters as ſhall be treated, diſputed, debated, and reſolved of in Counſel, without diſcloſing the ſame, or any part thereof to any, but to ſuch only as be of the Privy Council; and yet if any matter ſo propounded, treated, diſputed, and debated in any ſuch Council, ſhall touch any particular perſon ſworn of the ſame, upon any ſuch matter as ſhall in anywiſe concern his fidelity, and truth to the **Queens** Majeſty, you ſhall in no wiſe open the ſame to him, but keep it ſecret, as you would do from any other perſon, till the **Queens** Majeſties pleaſure be known in that behalf; you ſhall in all things to be moved, treated, diſputed, and debated in any ſuch Council, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion, according to your heart and conſcience, in no wiſe forbearing ſo to do for any manner of reſpect, of favour, love, need, dread, diſpleaſure, or corruption. Finally, you ſhall be vigilant, diligent and circumſpect in all your doings and proceedings, touching the **Queens** Majeſty and her Affairs; all which points before expreſſed you ſhall faithfully obſerve, fulfil, and keep, to the uttermoſt

of

of your power, wit, and cunning. So God you help, and by the holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Council.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, To be a true and faithful Servant unto the **Queens** Majeſty, as one of the Clerks of her Highneſs Privy Council; You ſhall not know or underſtand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or ſpoken, againſt her **Majeſties** Perſon, Honour, Crown and Dignity Royal, but you ſhall let and withſtand the ſame, to the uttermoſt of your power, and either do, or cauſe it to be revealed either to her **Majeſty** her ſelf, or to her Privy Council; You ſhall keep ſecret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that ſhall be treated of ſecretly in Council; And if any of the ſame Treaties or Counſels ſhall touch any of the Counſellors, you ſhall not reveal it unto him, but ſhall keep the ſame until ſuch time, as by the conſent of her **Majeſty**, or of the Council, Publication ſhall be made thereof; You ſhall to your uttermoſt bear Faith and true Allegiance to her **Majeſty**, her Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſhall aſſiſt and defend all Juriſdictions, Preeminencies, and Authorities, granted to her **Majeſty** and annexed to her Crown, againſt all Forraign Princes, Perſons, Prelates, or Potentates, *&c.* by Act of Parliament or otherwiſe; And generally in all other things you ſhall do as a faithful and true Servant and Subject ought to do to her Majeſty. So help you God, and by, *&c.*

The Oath *of a Judge.*

THe Kings Juſtices ſhall be ſworn, That they well and truly ſhall ſerve the King and his People; and that they ſhall not aſſent to things that may turn to his damage or diſ-inheritance: nor that they ſhall take no Fee nor Livery of none but of the King, nor that they ſhall take gift or reward of none that hath a do before them, except it be meat or drink of a ſmall value, as long as the Plea is hanging before them, nor after for that cauſe: Nor that they ſhall give Council to none in a matter that may touch the King, upon pain to be at the Kings will, body and goods; And that they ſhall do right to every perſon, notwithſtanding the Kings Lees, *&c.* And in like manner the Barons of the Exchequer ſhall be ſworn, and alſo Juſtices of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, and of Aſſizes and Goal Delivery, and Juſtices of Peace, before whom they have their Commiſſions, in a certain form, as ſhall ſeem good to the Chancellor. *Anno* 2. *Edw.* 3.

The Oath *of the Clerks of the Chancery.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve our Soveraign Lord the King and his People, in the Office of the Chancery, whereto ye are Titled; nor ſhall ye aſſent, or procure the diſ-herizon or perpetual hurt of the King

King, to your power: Nor you ſhall do no fraud nor procure none to be done, to the hurt of any of the people, nor in any thing that toucheth the keeping of the Seal; And truly ſhall ye counſel the things that touch the King, when you ſhall be thereto required, and the counſel that you know touching him ſhall ye conceal, and if ye know the Kings diſ-heritance, or his perpetual hurt, or fraud to be done in things touching the keeping of the ſaid Seal, you ſhall put your lawful power to redreſſe it; and if ye cannot do it, ye ſhall ſhew it the Chancellor or other that may amend it after your intent. And it ſhall be added for the Clerk of courſe; And ye ſhall not bring, nor ſuffer to be brought to your knowledge, Writs, which ye ſhall make of the Court not ſealed, thereof to make execution; nor ye ſhall record none Attorney, neither by Writ nor without Writs, without ſpecial Licenſe, if ye have not Lawfully examined the party, and the Attorney in proper perſon: or at leaſt he that ſhall make the Attorney in proper perſon: nor no Writ which is of Commandment ye ſhall not deliver to the Examiners, nor to the Seal, before the ſame Writ be commanded to you, by a Commander that hath power, if it be not to the Chancellor, or to one of the Maſters, which ſhall command you to make the Writs; and that all the Writs which ye ſhall make ye ſhall deliver them to the Examiner by your own hands, or by a fellow that is ſworn to the King, if your ſelf be out of the Court becauſe of ſickneſs, or cannot do it for ſome other neceſſary

ceſſary cauſe; And that ye ſhall deliver to the Examiner no Writs written of another hand under your name as yours, nor you ſhall put no name upon your Writs. So help you God, and his Saints. *Anno xviii. Edw.* 3.

The Oath *of the Kings Servants, Yeomen, by the Vice Chamberlain.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be true to your Soveraign Lord **King** *Hen.* 8. and to his Heirs **Kings** of *England*; and if ye have known any thing in times paſt, or may know in time coming, that might be prejudicial to his Royal Perſon, or to this his Realm, ye ſhall with diligence do it to be known, either to his Perſon or to ſuch of his Council as it may ſooneſt come to his knowledge; Ye ſhall from henceforth uſe your ſelf in the Room, as one of the Squires for his Body; ye ſhall be diligent in giving your attendance for the ſame; Ye ſhall be obedient to the Lord Chamberlain, to the Vice-Chamberlain, to all Gentlemen Uſhers, and to all Yeomen Uſhers, in all things that ſhall appertain to your Room, Ye ſhall not depart this the **Kings** Court without the **Kings** eſpecial Licenſe, the Lord Chamberlains, or the Vice-Chamberlaines in his abſence; You ſhall not from hence forward bear your ſervice, nor be retained to no manner of perſon, but onely to the **Kings** Highneſs; Ye ſhall not from hence forward retain no man, otherwiſe than according to the **Kings** Laws, except it be only for the

the **Kings** ſervice. Theſe Articles, with all other, ye ſhall truly obſerve and keep; As help you God, and holy *David*, and all Saints, and by this Book, *&c.*

The Oath *of a Maſter of Requeſts, as it is entered in the Council Book*, Anno Eliz.

YOu ſhall ſwear, To be true Counſellor to the **Queens** Majeſty, as one of her Maſters of Requeſts; You ſhall not know or underſtand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done, or ſpoken againſt her Majeſties Honour, Crown, and Dignity Royal, but you ſhall let and withſtand the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and either do, or cauſe it forthwith to be revealed, either to her Majeſtie ſelf or to the reſt of the Privy Council; And you ſhall to the uttermoſt bear Faith and true Allegiance to the **Queens** Majeſty, her Heirs, and Lawful Succeſſors; and ſhall aſſiſt and defend all Juriſdictions, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted to her **Majeſty**, and annexed to the Crown, againſt all Forreign Princes, Perſons, Prelates, and Potentates, *&c.* by Act of Parliament, or otherwiſe, and generally in all things ye ſhall do as true Counſellors ought to do to her Majeſty. So God you help, &c.

The *Tenor of the Oath directed by King* Hen. 8. *and his Council, in the fourth year of his Reign, to his Commiſſioners for executing the Kings Commiſſions and Inſtructions within the Dioceſſe of* York, *for Muſtering and putting the Kings Subjects in a readineſs for the Wars, and to underſtand the ſubſtance of every man throughout* England

YE ſhall truly and plainly declare and ſhew, as near as ye can, or may poſſibly call to mind or remembrance, putting apart all colour, fraud, or deceit, of what value and ſubſtance ye be, as well in Money, Plate, Jewels, Utinſels, Stuffe, and Ornaments of Houſhold-ſtuffe, Merchandizes, of all manner, ſorts, and qualities, debts upon ſpecialties, Obligations, Pledges, Promiſes, or any otherwiſe, not only on this ſide the Seas, but alſo in any outward parts; not forbearing thus expreſly to ſhew and declare, for any lucre, ſingular profit, or advantage, prejudices, hinderances, loſſes, and damages that may enſue unto you by the ſame. So God you help, and the holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of the Bayliffe for the Sewers*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall diligently, truly, and circumſpectly peruſe, view, and ſearch from time to time, all and ſingular ſuch

ſuch damages, perils, defaults, and reparations, that ſhall at any time happen or chance to be within any of the Banks, Walls, Sewers, Troughs, or Slewces, within the Precinct of the Level, as far as the limits of your Office ſhall extend, and the ſame with all diligence, to the uttermoſt of your power, procure to be preſented unto her Majeſties Commiſſioners of Sewers, and the Jury that are or ſhall be impannelled for ſuch cauſes, that the ſame with all expedition may be amended and repaired; and to do and execute all and every other thing and things whatſoever that ſhall appertain unto your ſaid Office, as nigh as God ſhall give you grace. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Conſtables within the City of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall keep the Peace of our Soveraign Lord the **King** well, and lawfully after your power, and ye ſhall Arreſt all them that make Contempt, Ryot, Debate, or Afray by breaking of the ſaid Peace, and lead them to the Home or Counter, and if ye be withſtood by ſtrength of miſdoers, ye ſhall rear on them an Entry, and purſue them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward till they be Arreſted; and ye ſhall ſearch at all times when ye be the Scavengers, or Beadles, the common noyſomneſs of your Ward, and the Beadle and Raker ye ſhall help to rear, and gather

gather their Sallary, and Quarterage, if ye be thereunto by them required, and if any thing be done within your Ward againſt the Ordinance of this City, ſuch defaults as ye ſhall find there done ye ſhall then preſent unto the Mayor, and Miniſters of the City, and if ye be letted by any perſon, or perſons, that ye may not duly do your daily Office, ye ſhall certifie the Mayor and Council of the City of the name or names of him or them that ſo let you,

You ſhall alſo Swear, that during the time that ye ſhall ſtand in the Office, and occupy the room of a Conſtable; ye ſhall once at the leaſt every Month certifie and ſhew to one of the Clerks of the Mayors Court, as well the names as the ſir-names of all Free-men which ye ſhall know to be deceaſed within the Month in the Pariſh wherein ye ſhall be inhabited, as alſo the names, and ſir-names of all the Children of the ſaid Freemen ſo deceaſed, being Orphans of the ſaid City; and thus you ſhall not fail to do, as God you help, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Scavenger.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall diligently overſee that Pavements within your Ward be well and ſufficiently repaired, and not made too high in noyſance of your Neighbours; and that the Ways, Streets, and Lanes be cleanſed of Dung, and all manner of Filth for the honeſty of this City; and that all the Chimnies, Furnaces, Reredoes,

Reredoes be of Stone, ſufficiently and defenſible made againſt peril of Fire, and if ye find any of the contrary, ye ſhall ſhew it to the Alderman of the Ward, ſo that the Alderman may ordain for the amendment thereof; And thus ye ſhall do, as God ye help, *&c.*

The Oath *of every Free-man of the City of* London.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be good and true to our Soveraign Lord **King** *Charles* and to the Heirs of our ſaid Sovereign Lord the **King**; obeyſant and obedient ſhall ye be to the Mayor and Miniſters of this City, the Franchiſes and Cuſtomes thereof ye ſhall maintain, and this City keep harmleſs in that which in you is; ye ſhall be contributary to all manner of Charges within this City, as Summons, Watches, Contributions, Taxes, Tallages, Lot and Scot, and to all other Charges bearing your part as a Free-man ought to do; Ye ſhall colour no Foreign Goods under or in your name, whereby the **King** or this City might or may loſe their Cuſtomes or Advantages; ye ſhall know no Foreigner to buy or ſell any Merchandiſe with any other Foreigner within this City or Franchiſe thereof, but ye ſhall warn the Chamberlain thereof or ſome Miniſter of the Chamberlains; ye ſhall implead or ſue no Free-man out of this City, whiles ye may have Right and Law within the ſame City; ye ſhall take none Apprentice, but if he be free

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born (that is to ſay) no Bondmans Son, nor the Son of any Alien, and for no leſs term than for ſeven years, without fraud or deceit, and within the firſt year, ye ſhall cauſe him to be Enrolled, or elſe pay ſuch Fine, as ſhall be reaſonably impoſed upon you for omitting the ſame; and after his term end, within convenient time being required, ye ſhall make him Free of this City, if he have well and truly ſerved you; ye ſhall alſo keep the **Kings** Peace in your own Perſon; ye ſhall know Gatherings, Conventicles, or Conſpiracies made againſt the **Kings** Peace, but ye ſhall warn the Mayor thereof, or let it to your power; all theſe Points and Articles ye ſhall well and truly keep according to the Laws and Cuſtomes of this City to your power, So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of a Sheriff of a County.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve the **King** well, and truly in the Office of the Sheriff of *A.* and do the **Kings** profit in all that belongeth to you to do by way of your Office, as far forth as you can or may; ye ſhall truly keep the **Kings** Rights, and all that belongeth to the Crown; ye ſhall not aſſent to decreaſe, to leſſenings, or concealment of the **Kings** Right, or of his Franchiſes, and whenſoever ye ſhall have knowledge that the **Kings** Rights, or the Rights of his Crown be concealed, or withdrawn, be it in Land, Rent, Franchiſe, or Suits,

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or any other things; ye ſhall do your true power to make them be reſtored to the **King** again, and if ye may not do it ye ſhall certifie the **King**, or ſome of his Council thereof, ſuch as ye hold for certain will ſay it to the **King**; ye ſhall not reſpite the **Kings** Debts, for any gifts or favour, where you may raiſe them without great grievance of the Debtors; ye ſhall truly and righteouſly treat the People of your Sheriffwrick, and do right as well to Poor as to Rich in all that belongeth to your Office: Ye ſhall do no wrong to any man for any gift or other beheſt, or promiſe of Goods, for favour, nor hate; ye ſhall diſturb no mans right; ye ſhall truly acquit at the Exchequer all thoſe of whom ye ſhall any thing receive of the **Kings** Debts; ye ſhall nothing take whereby the **King** may loſe, or whereby that Right may be diſturbed, letted, or the **Kings** Debts delayed; ye ſhall truly return and truly ſerve all the **Kings** Writs, as far forth as ſhall be within your cunning; ye ſhall not have to be your under Sheriff, or any of the Sheriffs Clerks of the laſt year paſt; ye ſhall take no Bayliffes into your ſervice, but ſuch as ye ſhall anſwer for; ye ſhall make each of your Bayliffes to make ſuch Oath as ye make your ſelf in that that belongeth to their occupation; ye ſhall receive no Writ by you or any of yours unſealed, or any ſealed, under any Seal of any Juſtice ſave of Juſtice in Eyre, or Juſtice Aſſigned in the ſame Shire where ye be Sheriff in, or other Juſtice having power or authority to make any Writs unto you by the Law of the Land,

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or any Juſtice of Newgate; ye ſhall make your Bayliffes of the true and ſufficienteſt men in the Country, alſo, ye ſhall do all your power and diligence to deſtroy, and make to ceaſe all manner of Hereſies, and Errors, commonly called Lollards, within your Bayliffwick, from time to time to all your power, and aſſiſt and be helping to all Ordinaries, and Commiſſaries of holy Church, and favour and maintain them as oft times as we ſhall be required by the ſaid Ordinaries, and Commiſſaries; ye ſhall be dwelling in your proper perſon within your Bayliffewick for the time ye ſhall be in the ſame Office, except ye be otherwiſe licenſed of the **King**; ye ſhall not let your Sheriffwick, nor any Bayliffwick thereof to Farm to any man; ye ſhall truly ſet, and return reaſonable and due iſſues of them that be within your Bayliffwick after their eſtate and their honour; and make your Pannels your ſelf of ſuch perſons as be moſt next, moſt ſufficient, and not ſuſpect, or procured, as it is ordained by the Statutes, and over this in Eſchewing and reſtrainder of the Mans ſlaughters, Robberies, and other manifold grievous offences that have been done daily, namely of ſuch as name themſelves Souldiers, and by other Vagarants, the which continually increaſe in number, and multiply, ſo that the **Kings** true Subjects may not be ſafe, yea ride, nor go to do ſuch

Nota, *Theſe words* All manner of Hereſies commonly called Lollards *were objected againſt by the Lord Chief Juſtice* Cook, *and ordered to be left out of the Oath,* Cro. Car. 1. quod vide.

ſuch things as they have to do, to their intolerable hurt and hinderance; ye ſhall truly and effectually with all diligence poſſible to your power execute the Statute, as the Statutes of *Wincheſter*, and of Vagabonds; theſe things all ye ſhall truly keep, as God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of an Attorney at Law.*

YOu ſhall do no falſhood, nor conſent to any to be done in the Court, and if you know of any to be done you ſhall give knowledge thereof unto my Lord Chief Juſtice, or other his Brethren, that it may be reformed; you ſhall delay no man for lucre or malice; You ſhall increaſe no Fees, but ſhall be contented with the old Fees accuſtomed; you ſhall plead no Foraign Plea, nor ſuffer no Foraign Suits unlawfully to hurt any man, but ſuch as ſhall ſtand with order of the law, and your conſcience; you ſhall ſeal all ſuch Proceſſe as you ſhall ſue out of the Court with the Seal thereof, and ſee the **Kings** Majeſty, and my Lord Chief Juſtice diſcharged for the ſame; ye ſhall not wittingly nor willingly ſue, nor procure to be ſued any falſe Suit, nor give aid, nor conſent to the ſame, in pain to be expulſed from the Court for ever; And furthermore, you ſhall uſe your ſelf in the Office of an Attorny, within the Court according to your Learning and diſcretion; ſo help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of a Merchant Adventurer.*

First, ye ſhall ſwear, To be true to our Soveraign Lady the **Queen**, her Heirs and Succeſſors, and if any thing may come to your knowledge intended againſt her Majeſties Perſon, or Dominions, to diſcover the ſame to the Governour of this Fellowſhip, or his Deputy, or ſome other in place convenient.

Secondly, You ſhall ſwear to be obedient and aſſiſtant to the Governour, and his Deputy, and Fellowſhip of Merchant-Adventures; and to keep all Acts and Ordinances by them made, or to be made, without doing or procuring any thing in prejudice thereof, or elſe offending, duly to pay the penalties.

Thirdly, Ye ſwear, To conceal the ſecrets of the Fellowſhip, and to make known unto the Governour, or his Deputy, from time to time, any thing which you ſhall underſtand to be pretended againſt the Fellowſhip, or the Priviledges thereof.

Laſtly, You ſwear, That in no caſe you ſhall colour or free any mans Goods whomſoever, being either Stranger, or one free of this Followſhip.

The Oath *of a Merchant Adventurer taken before the Poqueter, for the true Shipping of his Clothes.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That all and every ſuch Clothes, and other Commodities, whereof you, or any of you have made entry, are already bought, and within the Walls of *London*, being over and above all former Entries, and are not yet Shipped, and they are alſo belonging to thoſe men in whoſe names they be entered, and their Partners, being free Brothers of this Company of Merchant Adventurers; and that they are entred to be Shipped either for *Stoade*, or *Middleborough*. So God you help.

The Oath *which the Honourable* George *Lord* Nevel, *Baron of* Abergaveny *uſed to ſwear his Servants by, at their firſt coming into his Houſhold.*

YE ſhall bear your faith therewith, and true ſervice next unto our Soveraign Lord **King** *Henry* 8. unto my Lord and Lady of this place, whom ye intend now to ſerve; alſo if ye know any hurt, harm, or hinderance to be done to my ſaid Lord and Lady to their Bodies, or to their Goods, or to his Children, by any perſon or perſons, ye ſhall give him knowledge, or ſome of his Council as ſoon

as God will give you grace; Alſo ye ſhall not conſume nor waſte none of his Goods, nor ſuffer them to be waſted negligently by any other perſon, if ye be in power to let it, or elſe give knowledge to his Officers that have the Rule and Charge of his Houſe; And alſo at all times ye ſhall be obedient, requiſite, and neceſſary, unto my Lords Officers that have the Rule and Charge of my ſaid Lords Houſhold aforeſaid, ye ſhall well and truly of your behalf keep and perform, to the beſt of your power. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of Treaſurer Clerk in the Exchequer.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall well and truly ſerve the King your Lord, in your Office, and Room of Clerkſhip, to the Lord Treaſurer of *England*, within this Court of the Kings Receipt and Treaſury; And you ſhall uprightly behave your ſelf towards all his Subjects and Accomptants, for their ſpeedy expedition, without any unjuſt hindrance or delay, for affection, meed, or dread,; And you ſhall make no untrue Entry into any of the Kings Rolls, or other Books of Receipt and *exitus*, commonly called the Pelles of Receipt and *Exitus*, whereby the King our Lord, or any his Subjects, may be hurt or damaged. But if you ſhall know of any errour in them eſcaped; ſpeedily to be amended; And you ſhall from time

time to time make, or cauſe to be made to the Lord Treaſurer of *England*, true and perfect Declarations of all manner of Sums of Mony coming in, and going out of the Kings Treaſury, ſo often as the ſame Lord Treaſurer ſhall demand; And you ſhall ſafely preſerve and keep the **Kings** Records, Leagues, and other Writings lying in his Treaſury, not ſuffering any of them to be harmed, loſt, or altered by your default, nor yet to be removed abroad to any place out of the ſaid Treaſury, but only by Warrant or Licenſe from the Lord Treaſurer of *England*; And when any ſuch Licenſe or command ſhall be given, yet you ſhall not rudely adventure the carrying thereof by water, if you may have convenient paſſage by Land; And you ſhall to the beſt of your power conſerve all the ancient and laudable Cuſtomes of this Court, without permitting any new errour to ariſe (if you be able to reſiſt it,) and where you are not able, you ſhall ſpeedily diſcloſe it to the Lord Treaſurer of *England* for reformation. Finally, you ſhall in all things concerning this your Office be obedient, faithful, and true, to the Lord Treaſurer for the time being, and ſhall not bewray the ſecrets of this Court; nor yet any waſte make of the Kings goods for any cauſe. So help you God, and all Saints, and by the Contents of that Book.

The Oath *of the Writer of the Tallyes, and Counter Tallyes.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall truly and faithfully writ all the Tallyes and Counter-Tallyes, otherwiſe called the Joyles of the ſaid Tallyes, of all manner of payments in the Court of Receipt to be made, and to give good attendance to the ſame, helping to diſpatch all manner of Accomptants according to the antient cuſtomes of this Court; and to make Declarations for the declaring of all manner of Receipts and Payments, there received and paid from time to time, to the Lord Treaſurer of *England*, or to the under-Treaſurer for the time being; and eſpecially to regard, and ſo from time to time, unto the Entries ſafe keeping, taking out, ſhewing, delivery, and laying up all manner of Leagues, and other Writings of any other parties, which remain within the King our Soveraign Lord his Treaſury; to whom you ſhall be true, ſecret, and faithful, during the time of your being in the ſaid Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The new Oath *of the Writer of the Pell, made in the ſixth year of King* Edward *the ſixth.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall truly and faithfully keep the Kings Majeſties Book within this his Court, called the Pell, for the ſpeedy expedition of his Accomptants, for their ſurety; And you ſhall delay none of the Kings Accomptants; for favour, meed, affection, or dread; and ſee all ways that no untrue entry be made in the ſaid Pell: And if you know of any error done within the ſaid Court, you ſhall ſhew it to the Lord Treaſurer or to the under Treaſurer, without any delay thereof to be made: And the ſecrets of this Court you ſhall not bewray. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Uſher of the Exchequer.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the Treaſurer and Chamberlains of the Exchecquer in your room of Uſherſhip to the Lord Treaſurer of *England*, within this Court of the Kings Receipts, and ſhall diligently lock and keep the doors of the Kings Treaſury in due time for ſafety of his goods; And the ſame doors ye ſhall be ready to open again at all times, when the ſame Lord Treaſurer and Chamberlain, or other their Clerks,

and Deputies, ſhall have occaſion to enter, and there ſhall give your attendance till their departure. And ye ſhall demand no unjuſt allowance for any neceſſaries or other kind of thing by you bought for ſervice of the **King** within this Court: And ye ſhall, to your power, help and further all ſuch the **Kings** Accomptants as ſhall have to do in this Court. So help you God, and Holidome, and by the Contents of that Book.

The Oath *miniſtred unto the Souldiers ſerving under the Earl of* Leiceſter *in the Low Countries.*

WEE do ſwear and promiſe, To do all loyal, true, and faithful ſervice unto the **Queen** of *England*, her moſt Excellent Majeſty, and unto the Provinces and Cities united in theſe Countries, and their Aſſociates, under the charge and obedience of the Right Excellent the Earl of *Leiceſter* Governour general of the ſaid Provinces and Cities, and their Aſſociates, and of her Majeſties Army and Forces within the ſame, and all lawful and due obedience unto the ſaid Governour, and to any other Superiour that ſhall have charge under him for Government in this Army. And further we do promiſe to endeavour our ſelves to keep and fulfil all ſuch lawful Ordinances as his Excellency hath, or ſhall ſet forth and eſtabliſh for the better ordering of this Army, as much

much as concerns us, ſo long as we ſhall ſerve under him. So help us God, by Jeſus Chriſt.

The Oath *of the Governour of* Berwick.

YOV ſhall ſwear, To bee faithful and true to our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth**, by the grace of God **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. and to keep and defend, to the uſe of her **Majeſty**, her **Heirs** and **Succeſſors**, This Town of *Berwick*, and the Marches of the ſame, to the uttermoſt of your power, and according to your Offices, you ſhall not be abſent at any time from your Office, without her **Majeſties** ſpecial Licenſe, containing in the ſame the names of ſuch to whom your charge ſhall becommitted in your abſence, except it be upon reaſonable cauſes, to go into the Wardency of the Eaſt Marches for the ſervice thereof, or to ſome other part of *Northumberland*, upon any your needful cauſes; at which time nevertheleſſe you ſhall depute the Marſhal, or in his abſence, the next principal Officer, to take your charge of this Town: You ſhall cauſe all the Officers of this Town to do their duties, or elſe ſee them puniſhed without favour or delay; you ſhall uſe the advice of all thoſe which be Counſellors of this Town for any matter concerning the Government thereof, except the matter ſhall touch any of themſelves in which the ſame parties ſhall be excluded for the time; you ſhall ſee that this Town, and

and the Garriſon be provided of a convenient force of Victual of all ſorts from time to time; And that the Mayor and his Brethren ſhall do their duties for the Common-weal of the ſame Town according to their Juriſdiction. You ſhall adminiſter Juſtice truly, and indifferently to all manner of perſons having any Cauſe depending before you: You ſhall not admit, nor ſuffer to be admitted any manner of perſon to be of this Garriſon that ſhall be born out of the Realm of *England* or *Ireland*; nor above the number of forty that ſhall be born within the Realm of *Ireland*; You ſhall at ſundry times viſit the Gates and Poſterns of this Town, the Locks and Shuttings thereof, the Town Walls, Bulworks, Ditches, Ordinances, Artillery, and Munition, and the Houſes of the Stoage of the ſame, and cauſe to be redreſſed to the beſt of your power any thing therein amiſſe; Finally, you ſhall quarterly peruſe the Statutes and Ordinances heretofore made, and now remaining in force for the Government of this Town, and them cauſe to be duly kept and obſerved.

The Oath *of the Marſhal of* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lady Queen **Elizabeth**, by the grace of God, **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* You ſhall be obedient to the Governour

nour of this Town, for the good governance and defence of the ſame, and ſhall give good counſel and aſſiſtance unto him, and all other Officers of the Town to the uttermoſt of your power; You ſhall ſet the Watch of the Town, and viſit it from time to time, as to your Office belongeth; You ſhall not impriſon, or preſent any perſon without reaſonable cauſe, and thereof you ſhall certifie the Governour of their names, and their cauſes: You ſhall ſuffer no perſon born out of the **Queens Majeſties** Allegiance without the Governours ſpecial Licenſe, (and that not without good cauſe) to lodge in this Town above two nights, or to continue above twenty four hours at any one time, nor ſhall ſuffer any ſtranger to be lodged, but in convenient place to keep the ſame perſon from the knowledg of the ſecrets of this Town. Finally, you ſhall keep, and cauſe to be kept, all manner of Statutes, Laws and Ordinances, heretofore made, and now remaining in force, for the good governance of this Town, to the uttermoſt of your power.

The Oath *of the Treaſurer of* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth** by the grace of God, **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* You ſhall be obedient to the Governour of this

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Town for the good governance and defence of the ſame, and ſhall give counſel and aſſiſtance to him, and all other Officers of the Town to the uttermoſt of your power; you ſhall make no payment to Officers or Souldiers until Muſter be had, viewed, and taken by the Governour and Marſhal of the Town, and the Comptroller, and of the Checque hereof. Finally, Ye ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, heretofore made, and now remaining in force; for the government of this Town.

The Oath *of the Porter of* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth** by the grace of God **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the faith, *&c.* You ſhall be obedient and attendant to the Governour for the time being in all things appertaining to the good governance and defence of the ſame Town, and to him, and to the **Queens** Counſel and Officers of the ſame Town; You ſhall give faithful and diligent counſel, and them ayd and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt of your power: You ſhall ſafely, ſurely, and diligently keep the keyes of the Gates of this Town of *Berwick*, while they ſhall be in your hands, and ſhall ſee the ſame Gates guarded and ſhut up at the times accuſtomed, and as the Governour of this Town ſhall command, for the ſurety of

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this Town; And at all times, as ſoon as the Gates ſhall be ſhut, you ſhall bring the ſaid Keys to the Governour of the Town, and in his abſence, to his Deputy; you ſhall whenſoever any tidings or intelligence ſhall come to you by Land, or by Water, that is meet to be known to the Governour of the Town, or to the Council in his abſence, forthwith let them know the ſame; You ſhall rear no new Cuſtomes or Taxes, to the vexation of any comers or goers, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Maſter of the Ordinance for the Town of* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall be true and faithful to our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth** by the grace of God, **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* You ſhall be obedient to the Governour of this Town, for the good governance and defence of the ſame; And ſhall give good counſel and aſſiſtance to him, and all other Officers of the Town to the uttermoſt of your power; You ſhall ſee that the Ordinance, Artillery, and Munition be ſafely and well kept from all danger of the Enemies, of Fire, or other miſadventures to the beſt of your power, and that the Ordinance and Artillery placed for the defence of this Town be always kept in good repair, and be in readineſs for the uſe where the ſame is or ſhall be planted; You ſhall

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iſſue no part thereof at any time but for the ſervice of this Town, nor ſhall expend any portion of your Office but by Warrant; Finally, You ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances of this Town heretofore made, and now remaining in force for the good governance of the ſame Town.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Checque in* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall be true and faithful to our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth** by the Grace of God **Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* You ſhall ſwear to keep truly the Books of Muſters of all the perſons in the Town, and you ſhall keep true Record, and Report of the time of all manner of perſons departing from the Town, being either Licenſed for more then two dayes, or being Caſhier'd or diſcharged of Service, and of all ſuch as ſhall depart without Licenſe, and ſhall duly inform the Governour of the defaults that you ſhall find, and the ſame you ſhall Checque in your Book, and the ſame Book you ſhall duly keep, and at the pay ſee the party thereof Taxed and defaulted, and further puniſhed as the cauſe ſhall require.

The Oath *of Captains of Bands in the Town of* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, To be true and good to our Soveraign Lady the **Queen**, and to the Governour of the Town, and ſhall keep your whole number being in your charge without diminiſhing, or admitting of the ſame until you have certified the Governour of the Town thereof, and that the Clerk of the Checque by the Governours appointment have enrolled the ſame in his Book, and if any of your Band ſhall eſcape away, or die, you ſhall forthwith notifie the ſame to the Governour of the Town, and the ſaid Clerk of the Checque; You ſhall not refuſe to come to common Muſters at any time, upon the call of the Governour of the Town, either being alone, or elſe having with him the Treaſurer and Clerk of the Checque; neither ſhall you bring to Muſter any perſon but ſuch as have ſerved in your Band, during the time for which he ſhall have pay; neither ſhall you to your knowledg ſuffer any one to be in your Band that receiveth any mans pay of our Treaſurer in any other room or place within this Town, except it be for the Tax work in our Fortifications, whereof you ſhall make privy the Treaſurer, and Clerk of the Checque; You ſhall ſee, and cauſe every your Souldiers to be frequently Trained and taught the uſe of

of their Weapons, and other Feats of War convenient for them; and at the laſt you ſhall cauſe the ſame to be done every fourteen days in Summer once, and every twenty days in Winter: You ſhall not permit any of your Band to take any more Victuals, or other Wares within that Town then his Wages will diſcharge; You ſhall with your Band, Watch and Ward for the defence of this Town as you ſhall be appointed by the Marſhal and Governour thereof; You ſhall not depart out of the Town and Marches further then the Orders of the Town do permit without leave of the Governour of the Town, or in his abſence by his Deputy, under their Writings and Seal, mentioning the time of your leave to be abſent, and before your departure (if it ſhall be longer then for three days) you ſhall preſent your ſelf to the Treaſurer, or his Deputy, giving notice unto them for the time licenſed you for abſence, and at your return you ſhall alſo give notice to the ſaid Treaſurer and Clerk of the Checque; You ſhall alſo be obedient to the Governour, and to the other Counſellors of this Town, and ſhall obey all Statutes and Ordinances of the ſame.

The Oath *of every private Souldier in* Berwick.

YOu ſhall ſwear, To be good and true to our Soveraign Lady the **Queen**, and to the Go-

Governour of this Town for **Her Majeſties** ſervice, and truly (do as much as in you ſhall lie, to) keep this Town always true *Engliſh*, and in good obedience to the Governour, Marſhal, and other Officers thereof; and you ſhall be governed by your Captain within any Debate or Rebellion, and if you ſhall know any thing hurtful to the ſtate of this Town, or to any part thereof, you ſhall forthwith diſcloſe the ſame either to your Captain, or to the Governour, or to one of the Council of the Town; You ſhall keep ſuch Armour and Weapon as you are by your Captain limited to have without willful ſpoil, or ſelling thereof, except it be to provide better; You ſhall keep all other Ordinances of this Town that may any ways pertain to you to keep.

The Oath *of the Lord Preſident of the Councel in the Marches of* Wales.

You ſhall ſwear, To the uttermoſt of your power, will, and cunning, that you ſhall be true and faithful to the **Queens Highneſs**, our Soveraign Lady, and to her Heirs and Succeſſors, and that you do utterly teſtifie and declare in your conſcience, that the **Queens Highneſs** is the only ſupream Governour of this Realm, and of all other **her Highneſs** Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual and Eccleſiaſtical things or Cauſes as Temporal; and that no Foraign Prince, Perſon,

Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Juriſdiction, Power Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority Eccleſiaſtical, or Spiritual within this Realm; And that you do utterly renounce and forſake all Foraign Juriſdictions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities; and do promiſe that from henceforth you ſhall bear faith, and true Allegiance to the **Queens Highneſs**; her Heirs and Succeſſors, and to your power ſhall aſſiſt, and defend all Juriſdictions, Priviledges, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted or belonging to the **Queens** Highneſs, her Heirs and Succeſſors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

2. **You** ſhall not know nor hear any thing that may in any wiſe be prejudicial to her Highneſs or her Common-wealth, peace and quiet of her Highneſs Realm, but you ſhall with all diligence reveal and diſcover the ſame to her Highneſs, or to ſuch other perſon or perſons of her Graces Privy Council, as you ſhall think meet, and will ſooneſt convey and bring it to her Highneſs.

3. **You** ſhall ſerve her Highneſs truly and faithfully in the room and place of one of her Graces Council.

4. **You** ſhall in all things to be moved, treated, and debated, in any Council, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion according to your heart and conſcience, no wiſe forbearing ſo to do, for any manner, reſpect of favor, meed, diſpleaſure, or corruption.

5. **You**

5. **You** ſhall faithfully and uprightly, to the beſt of your power, cauſe Juſtice to be duly and indifferently Miniſtred to the **Queens** Majeſties Subjects, that ſhall have cauſe to ſue for the ſame, according to equity and to the Order of the Law.

Finally, You ſhall be vigilant and circumſpect in all your doings and proceedings touching the **Queens** Majeſty, and her Highneſs Affairs.

All which points and Articles before expreſſed, with all other Articles, Signed with the **Queens** Majeſties Hand, and delivered to me the Lord Preſident of her Highneſs Councel, eſtabliſhed in thoſe parts; you ſhall faithfully keep and fullfil, to the uttermoſt of your power, wit, will, and cunning. So God you help, and the contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the* Parliament.

YOu ſhall be true, faithful, and truth you ſhall bear to our Soveraign Lord the **King**, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors; You ſhall nothing know that ſhall be prejudicial to his Highneſs, his Crown, State, and Dignity Royal, but that you ſhall reſiſt, to your power, and with all ſpeed ye ſhall advertiſe his Grace thereof, at the leaſt ſome of his Councel, in ſuch wiſe as the ſame may come to his knowledge; Ye ſhall alſo well and and truly ſerve his Highneſs in the Office of Clerk of his Parliament,

making true entry and Records of the things done and paſt in the ſame; Ye ſhall keep ſecret all ſuch matters as ſhall be treated in his ſaid Parliament, and not diſcloſe the ſame before it ſhall be publiſhed, but to ſuch as they ought to be diſcloſed unto: And generally ye ſhall well and truly do and execute all things belonging unto you to be done, appertaining to the Office of Clerk of the Parliament; as God you help, *&c.*

The Oath *of Allegiance.*

I A. B. Do truly and ſincerely acknowledge, profeſſe, teſtifie, and declare, in my conſcience before God and the world, That our Soveraign Lord **King** *James* is lawful **King** of this Realm, and of all other his **Majeſties** Dominions and Countries; and that the Pope neither of himſelf, nor by any Authority of the Church or See of *Rome*, or by any other means with any other, hath any Power or Authority to depoſe the **King**, or to diſpoſe of any of his **Majeſties** Kingdoms or Dominions, or to authorize any Foraign Prince to invade or annoy him or his Countries, or to diſcharge any of his Subjects of their Allegiance and obedience to His **Majeſty**; or to give Licenſe or leave to any of them, to bear Arms, raiſe Tumults, or to offer any violence or hurt to his **Majeſties** Royal Perſon, State, or Government, or to any of His **Majeſties** Subjects

jects within His **Majesties** Dominions. Also I do swear from my heart, that notwithstanding any Declaration or Sentence of Excommunication or Deprivation made or granted, or to be made or granted, by the Pope or his Successors, or by any Authority derived, or pretended to be derived from him or his See, against the said **King** his Heirs or Successors, or any absolution of the said Subjects from their Obediance, I will bear faith and true Allegiance to his **Majesty** his Heirs and Successors, and him and them will defend to the uttermost of my power, against all Conspiracies and Conempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his or their Persons, their Crown and Dignity, by reason or colour of any such Sentence or Declaration, or otherwise; and will do my best indeavour to disclose and make known unto his **Majesty** his Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and treacherous Conspiracies, which I shall know or hear of, to be against him or them. And I do further swear, That I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure, as impious and heretical, his damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes which be Excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever; And I do beleive, and in conscience am resolved, that neither the Pope nor any person whatsoever hath power to absolve me of this Oath, or any part thereof, which I acknowledge by good and full Authority to be lawfully administred unto me; and do re-

nounce all Pardons, and Diſpenſations to the contrary, and all thoſe things I do plainly and ſincerely acknowledg, and ſwear according to theſe expreſſe words by me ſpoken, and according to the plain and common ſence and underſtanding of the ſame words, without any equivocation, or mental evaſion, or ſecret reſervation whatſoever; And I do make this Recognition and acknowledgement heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true faith of a Chriſtian. So help me God, *&c.*

The Oath *of Supremacy.*

I A. B. Do utterly teſtifie and declare in my conſcience, that the **King's** Highneſs is the only Supream Governour of this Realm, and of all other his Highneſs Dominions, and Countries, as well in all Spiritual and Eccleſiaſtical things or cauſes as Temporal; And that no Foraign Prince, Perſon, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Juriſdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority Eccleſiaſtical, or Spiritual within this Realm; And therefore I do utterly renounce and forſake all Foraign Juriſdictions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities, and do promiſe that from henceforth I ſhall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the **King's** Highneſs, his Heirs, and lawful Succeſſors, and to my power ſhall aſſiſt, and defend all Juriſdictions, Priviledges, Preeminencies, and Authorities granted, or belonging to the **King's** Highneſs,

Highneſs, his Heirs, and Succeſſors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm.

The Oath *of Franck Pledge within the City of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be good and true to our Soveraign Lord, the **King** of *England*, and to his Heirs, **Kings**, and the **Kings** Peace ye ſhall keep, and ſee that it be kept; And to all the Miniſters of the City ye ſhall be obedient, and at all times ye ſhall be ready to help the Officers of the City in doing of their Offices for arreſting of Miſdoers, in keeping of the **Kings** Peace, and for to follow them from Street to Street, and Ward to Ward, unto the time they be Arreſted, and brought to one of the Counters; and if ye know any Congregation, or Conventicles of any miſdoers within the Ward, ye ſhall do the Alderman to weet thereof; and all other points within the Wardmoot ye ſhall well and truly keep. So help ye God, and by this Book.

The Oath *of the Scavengers of the Ward.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and diligently over-ſee that the Pavements in

every Ward be well and rightfully repaired, and not hauſted to the noyance of the Neighbours, and that the Wayes, Streets, and Lanes be kept clean from Dung and other Filth for the honeſty of this City, and that all the Chimnies, Redoſſes, and Furnaces be made of Stone for defence of Fire; and if ye know any ſuch ye ſhall ſhew it to the Alderman, that he may make due redreſſe thereof; and this ye ſhall not leave. So help you Gods *&c.*

The Oath *for Brokers in* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall neither buy nor ſell, nor any other for you, any manner of Merchandize by fraud or colluſion to your own proper uſe within the Franchiſes of this City, nor without; And that ye neither make, nor do to be made any manner Bargain between Forraigner and Forraigner, or Forraigner and Stranger within the Franchiſes of this City, nor without, upon pain of forfeiture of one hundred pounds to the Chamber of *London*, and loſing of your Office for ever; Alſo that ye buy no manner of Merchandize of any perſon within the Franchiſes of this City nor without to no perſons uſe; That ye bring the Seller and the Buyer together, making a rightful Bargain between them if you be required; and that ye ſhall neither ſuffer, nor counſel

counſel any other perſon to uſe Brokeage within the ſaid City, or the Franchiſes of the ſame, but if he be admitted and ſworn and hath found ſufficient Surety to do well and truly, and keep and obſerve all theſe Articles and Ordinances: and if ye know any perſon ſo doing ye ſhall open it to the Mayor and Aldermen, and elſe ye ſhall be deprived of your Office for ever.

Alſo ye ſhall be in no Livery with any Perſon nor Hoſt, any manner of Stranger, or Alien, upon pain of loſing of your Office for ever; Alſo ye ſhall do all your Bargaines that ye ſhall make between any manner of perſons to be written in a Book, and that ye ſhall have the ſame Book ready before the Mayor, and Aldermen for the time being, at all times when he by them ſhall be required to teſtifie the Bargains aforeſaid; Alſo that ye ſhall not be dwelling, harboured, nor lodged with any Merchant Stranger within the City of *London*, or Liberty thereof.

Alſo ye ſhall make no manner Bargain of Uſury, nor exchange of Uſury, nor any other falſe Cheviſance nor untrue Bargain, nor Contract, nor meddle, nor conſent to the ſame in any wiſe no ſuch Bargain, favour, nor counſel, or hide, but them diſcloſe to the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſame City for the time being, and this you ſhall not leave. So God you help.

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The Oath *of the Sheriff of* Londons *Serjeant.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the Sheriff of *London* in your Office of Serjeantſhip, and the Franchiſes of *London*; Ye ſhall ſwear and maintain to your power, and all manner perſons that ye ſhall Arreſt by Plaint, Writ, or by Fray, or by any other lawful cauſe, ye ſhall bring them unto the Counter if ye be of power; Alſo ye ſhall warn no perſon to agree with the Creditors of their Debts, but that a Plaint of ſuch Debts be lawfully made; Alſo ye ſhall warn no perſon on Whom a Plaint or a Writ is on in the Counter, and ye ſhall well and truly enter ſuch Plaints as ye ſhall have of your Clients or any other perſon; Alſo all manner of Mercements and Fines that ye ſhall receive, ye ſhall well and truly bring them to the Counter, and there to deliver them to the Sheriff, or to his Deputy; Alſo ye ſhall not tarry, or delay none occaſion, nor make none untrue Proceſs; That ye ſhall by vertue of your Office, fraud, or hate, or promiſe for your ſingular availe: Alſo ye ſhall be no Lone day maker, nor maintainer of none occaſion; Alſo in all manner of Plaints that ye ſhall return good and honeſt perſons, and true, and not ſuſpitious, not procured by you, nor by your aſſent; Alſo you ſhall counſel nothing whereby the

the Sheriffes, or any of their Courts or Officers may be hurt in their availes; Alſo the commons of the City peaceably and gently ye ſhall intreat, and alſo to all other perſons that have his Patents of exemptions of any Office, or other Charges within the City of the **Kings** grant ye ſhall do, ſummon them like as ye do other Free-men of Inqueſts; Alſo ye ſhall take no Yeoman into your Governance whileſt he be Officer with the ſaid Sheriff, unto the time that ye ſhew the ſaid Yeoman unto the ſaid Sheriff, and by him ſo to be accepted; and alſo ye ſhall not do away the ſaid Yeoman in that being without a lawful cauſe, certifying, and knowing to the Sheriff; And if that Yeoman be from you ſo voided, ye ſhall take away the Livery of the Sheriff, except, and in all other things your Office you ſhall well and truly keep and bear you. So help you God, and by this Book.

The Oath *of a Conſtable in* London.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye ſhall keep the peace of our Soveraign Lord the **King** well, and lawfully after your power; Alſo ye ſhall Arreſt all them that make any Riot, Debate, or Affray in breaking of the ſaid Peace, and ye ſhall bring them to one of the Sheriffes Houſes, or to the Counters of the ſaid Sheriffe, and if ye be withſtood by ſtrength of any ſuch miſ-

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doers, ye ſhall ever rear up Hue and Cry, and ye ſhall follow them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward till ye may Arreſt them.

Alſo ye ſhall ſearch at all times when ye ſhall be required by Scavengers, or Beadle, for the common noyance of the Ward.

Alſo if there be any thing done within the Ward contrary to the Ordinance to the City.

Alſo ſuch faults as ye find ye ſhall preſent them to the Mayor, and to the Miniſters of the City; and if you be withſtood with perſon or perſons, that ye may not do your Office ye ſhall preſent them to the Mayor, and to the Common-Council of the City, with the names of them that ſo trouble you. And this ye ſhall not leave. So help you God, and holidome, and by this Book.

The Oath *of a Beadle of the Wards in* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and honeſtly keep the Ward that ye be Beadle in: And ye ſhall ſuffer no manner Ribbawdes, nor none of evil living, nor hunters of Ale, nor women holding Brothels, nor none other Noyons, other women ſlandred of evil name, and of evil life, dwelling within the Ward, but you ſhall certifie the names of them unto the Alderman, to that intent that he ſhall have them out within fifteen days; and if the Alderman do it not, ye ſhall anon after the fifteen days

days ended, do the Mayor to weete; and if any man make any fray, or draw any weapon againſt the **Kings** Peace, ye ſhall do the Sheriff to weet, that they may make leavy by the Serjeants of ſuch miſdoers alſo; Ye ſhall return good and lawful men in the Huſtings afor the Sheriffes, and the Kings Crowner to the Queſt, and not men ſuſpitious, and maintainers of perſons of evil name; And the Return that ye make, ye ſhall ſhew them three or four dayes before the Huſtings, that ye may ſee the Return, whether it be ſufficient or no; Alſo ye ſhall ſee, that no Poulter, nor no other Victualler, make no ſale of Poultery, Corn, or Meal, or any other Victual, in no privy place, againſt the Ordinance of the Mayor, but ye ſhall warn the Mayor, and the Sheriffes thereof; Ye ſhall be none Officer in Court expedient during your Beadleſhip; Alſo ye ſhall brew none Ale, nor none for you, to be no Regrater ye ſhall keep no Bake-houſe: Alſo ye ſhall be no Regrater of Victual, nor none hunter of Ale, nor partner with none of them: And other things to your Office belonging ye ſhall well and lawfully keep. So help you God, and Holidom, and by this Book.

The Oath *of the Wardmoot Inqueſt within* London.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be true to our Soveraign Lord the **King** that now is,

is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors **Kings** of *England*; and readily ye ſhall come when ye be ſummoned, to the Common Council of this City; but if ye be reaſonably excuſed; and good and true Councel ye ſhall give in all things touching the Common-wealth of this City, after your wit and cunning; And that for favour of any perſon ye ſhall maintain no ſingular profit againſt the common profit of this City; And after that ye be come to the Common Councel, you ſhall not from thence depart until the Common Councel be ended, without reaſonable cauſe, or elſe by the Lord Mayors Licenſe: And alſo any ſecret things that be ſpoken or ſaid in the Common Councel, without to be ſecret, in no wiſe ye ſhall diſcloſe; As God you help and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Chancellor of the Court of Augmentation.*

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve the **King** in the Office of the Chancellorſhip of the Court of the Augmentations and Revenues of the **Kings** Crown; And ſhall miniſter equal Juſtice to rich and poor, to the beſt of your cunning and power; And that ye ſhall diligently procure all things which may honeſtly and juſtly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown, and

and truly uſe the **Kings** Seal, appointed to the Office; And alſo endeavour your ſelf to ſee the King truly anſwered of ſuch Rents, Revenues, Iſſues, and Profits, which ſhall or may ariſe or grow in your Office, and from time to time deliver with ſpeed, ſuch as ſhall have to do for you; And that you ſhall not take nor receive of any perſon any gift or reward in any Cauſe or matter depending before you, wherein the **Kings** Highneſs ſhall be party, whereby any prejudice, hinderance loſſe, or diſherizon ſhall grow or be to the Kings Highneſs. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the general Surveyor of the Court of Augmentation.*

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve the **King** in the Office of the general Surveyor of the Court of the Augmentations and Revenues of the **Kings** Crown; And ſhall miniſter equal Juſtice to rich and poor, to the beſt of your power; And that ye ſhall diligently procure all things which may honeſtly and juſtly be to the **Kings** advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown; And alſo endeavour your ſelf to the uttermoſt of your power, to ſee the King truly anſwered of all ſuch Rents and Revenues, Iſſues or Profits, which ſhall or may ariſe or grow in your Office, and from time to time deliver with

with ſpeed, ſuch as ſhall have to do before you; And that you ſhall not take or receive of any perſon any gift or reward in any cauſe or matter depending before you, wherein the **Kings** Highneſs ſhall be party, whereby any prejudice, hinderance loſſe, or diſ-herizon, ſhall grow, or be to the **Kings** Highneſs. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Treaſurer of the Court of Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord and his People in the Office of Treaſurer of the Court of the Augmentations according to the Orders hereafter enſuing; and ye ſhall reaſonably and honeſtly procure the **Kings** profit, and do right to all manner of people poor and rich, in thoſe things which touch your Office, and the **Kings** Treaſure; ye ſhall truly keep and diſpend, and true Declaration and Accompt make from time to time without any concealment, according to the Ordinance made for the eſtabliſhment of this Court; and further ſhall do every thing that of right appertaineth to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

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The Oath *of the Maſter of the Woods of the Court of Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of the Maſter of the Woods of this Court of Augmentations, in all things touching your Office, according to the Authority given unto you by theſe Letters Patents, for the **Kings** moſt advantage; And ye ſhall do all and every thing and things which you ought to do by reaſon of your Office according to the form and effect of theſe Letters Patents. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Attorney, and Solicitor of the Court of Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King**, as his Attorney or Solicitor in all Courts, for and concerning any matter or cauſe that ſhall concern or touch the Poſſeſſions and Hereditaments limited to the Survey and Governance of this Court of the Augmentations, and procure the **Kings** profit thereof; and that ye ſhall truly counſel the **Kings** Chancellor, and general Surveyor of this Court, all things concerning the ſame, to the beſt of your Cunning, Wit, and Power,

and with all ſpeed and diligence from time to time at the calling of the ſaid Chancellor and general Surveyor, or any of them, be diligently attendant to aſſiſt the ſaid Chancellor and Surveyor, or any of them, with good adviſe and counſel, in the hearing and determination of ſuch matters and cauſes as ſhall depend before the ſaid Chancellor and general Surveyor of this Court; And that he ſhall not take any gift or reward in any matter or cauſe depending in the ſame Court or elſewhere, wherein the **King** ſhall be party, whereby the **Kings** Majeſty ſhall be hindered, hurted, or diſherited; And further do all and every thing that ſhall appertain to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Surveyor of the Woods of the Court of Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve truly the **King** in your Office of Surveyor of the Woods within the Survey of this Court of the Augmentation; and to your cunning and power ſhall truly do and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reaſon of your Office, according to the forms and effect of the Ordinance and Eſtabliſhment of this Court. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King in your Office of Clerk of this Court of the Augmentations, and truly do and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance made upon the Erection of this Court. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Auditors of the Court of the Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King in your Office of Auditorſhip; and true Allegiance make to every perſon which ſhall be Accomptant before you; Ye ſhall not take nor receive of poor or rich any Gift or Reward in any Matter or Cauſe depending, or to be diſcuſſed in Court, but ſuch that ſhall be your ordinary Fees; and ye ſhall do all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance made and eſtabliſhed upon the Erecting of this Court of the Augmentations. So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Receiver of the Court of Augmentations.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall truly ſerve the King in your Office, and nothing conceal, but true Accompt make of all ſuch Revenues, Rents, Sums of Money, and other profits wherewith ye ſhall be lawfully charged, by reaſon of your Office; ye ſhall make no Petition nor ask any allowance, but ſuch as ſhall be good, juſt, true, and reaſonable; And ye ſhall do all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance made and eſtabliſhed upon the Erection of this Court of Augmentation. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of Surveyor of the Lands of the Court of Augmentations.*

YE ſhall truly ſerve the King in your Office of Surveyor of Lands within the Survey of this Court of the Augmentations, and to your cunning, wit, and power, ſhall truly do and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Ordinance, and eſtabliſhment of this Court. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Messenger of the Court of the Augmentations.*

YE **shall Swear,** That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** in your Office of Messenger of this Court of the Augmentations, as well in speedy serving all and singular Process to you to be delivered, without fraud, covin, guile, or deceit, as also making true and speedy Certificate to this Court of the same; and that you well and truly do and execute all and every other thing and things which ye ought to do, by Reason of your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of* Henry *the third, French King, for observing of the Statutes of the Order of the Garter.*

WE **Henry** by the Grace of God **King** of *France* and *Pologne* do Swear, Vow, and Protest solemnly upon our Honour, and in the Word of a **King**, That we shall observe, keep, and maintain, the Statutes and Orders of the right Noble Order of St. **George,** called the Garter, so far forth as they shall not be found contrary to our Religion Catholique, Greatness, and Majesty Royal, nor to the Statutes and Ordinances of Our

two Orders of the bleſſed **Holy Ghoſt**, and of St. **Michael**. In witneſs whereof we have Signed this preſent with our own Hand, and cauſed the ſame to be ſealed with our Privy Seal at *Paris* the laſt day of *February*, *Anno* 1585.

Henry **Pilart.**

The Oath *of a Knight of the Garter, at his firſt admiſſion, as it was uſed in the time of King*, P. *and Queen* Mary.

YOu being choſen to be one of the Honourable Companions of the moſt Honourable Order of the Garter, ſhall promiſe, and by thoſe holy Evangeliſts by you manifeſtly touched, ſwear truly and faithfully to obſerve and keep all the Statutes of the ſaid Order, and every Article in the ſame contained, for ſo much as to you pertains and belongs. And further, That you ſhall help to defend and maintain, ſo much as in you lieth the Rights and Liberties of the Colledge of our Bleſſed Lady, and Saint **George** the Martyr, wherein the Honourable Order of the Garter ſhall be founded.

The Oath *Miniſtred to them of the Kings Chamber by the Lord Chamberlain, in the time of King* H. 8.

J A. B. ſwear by the holy Evangeliſts, That I faith and truth ſhall bear unto our Soveraign Lord **Henry** 8. **King** of *England*, and of *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, and unto the **Queen** our Soveraign Lady his Wife, and to their Iſſue; and in and upon the Office of **C. D.** I ſhall duly and truly await and attend unto which at this time I am admitted and received; I ſhall not know any Treaſon or thing prejudicial compaſſed, attempted, or imagined, againſt our Soveraign Lord or Soveraign Lady, or their Iſſue, or any of them, but I ſhall incontinent upon the ſaid knowledg diſcover it unto our Lord Chamberlain, or unto his Deputy, if he have any, or in their abſence to one of their Uſhers in the ſaid Chamber; I ſhall not diſcover any ſecrets or things that may happen to come to mine Ears, that ſhall touch the **Kings** Council, or the honour of his Chamber; And I ſhall be obedient unto my ſaid Lord Chamberlain, and unto his ſaid Deputy, if he have any, and unto the ſaid Uſhers, and their Commandments diligently and faithfully obſerve and keep to my power; I ſhall eſchew all manner of Riots, making of Bandies, Quarrels or Debates either within the ſaid Chamber, or without, but I ſhall forbid and let all ſuch in-

conveniences as far forth as I may; And alſo let the ſaid Officers, or one of them, have knowledg thereof; Alſo I ſhall not depart out of the **Kings** Court, without Licenſe appointed and had of my ſaid Lord Chamberlain, or of his Deputy, if he have any: Which Premiſſes, and every of them, with all other Commandments to be given on the behalf or our ſaid Soveraign Lord, by my ſaid Lord Chamberlain or his ſaid Deputy if he have any, or any of the ſaid Uſhers, I ſhall faithfully obſerve, obey, and keep to the uttermoſt of my power. So help me God, and his Saints.

The Oath *Miniſtred to the Clerk of the Council to Prince* Henry *Son to King* James.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That well and truly you ſhall ſerve the High and Mighty **Prince Henry Prince** of *Wales*, Duke of *Cornwall*, and Earl of *Cheſter*, in the Office and Clerk of his Council, and matters committed to you, or treated of by his Council, to be kept ſecret, you ſhall faithfully keep; And you ſhall not know nor underſtand, nor ſuffer any thing tending to the hurt or diſheriting of his **Highneſs**, be decreaſed by any means, ſo far forth as ye may let it; and if ye may not let it, ye ſhall make it clearly and expreſly known to his **Highneſs**; and that ye ſhall do, and procure and

and purchaſe his **Highneſs** profit in all that ye reaſonably may as God you help. Peruſed and Examined by Mr. **Stevens** the Prince's Atrorney.

The Oath *to be miniſtred to any of King* James *his Servants in ordinary or extraordinary.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, Faithfully and truly to ſerve our Soveraign Lord the **King James** of Great *Britain, France,* and *Ireland,* his Heirs and Succeſſors; You ſhall ſerve him in the room and place of **N. N.** in ordinary: You ſhall know nothing that ſhall be prejudicial to his Perſon, his State, his Crown, or Dignity, but you ſhall with all diligence make it known to the Lord Chamberlain, Vice-Chamberlain, or ſome other of his **Majeſties** moſt Honourable Privy Council; You ſhall be obedient to the Lord Chamberlain, Vice-Chamberlain, and Gentlemen-Uſhers, in all matters tending to his **Majeſties** Service. So help you God, and Jeſus Chriſt.

The Oath *ordained to be miniſtred to the Princeſs* Maries *Council, when her houſhold was eſtabliſhed in the* 17. *year of King* H. 8.

YOu ſhall be true and faithful unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord **King Henry** 8. and unto

unto his Heirs and Successors **Kings** of *England*; And ye shall be faithful and true unto my Lady **Princess** Grace; And ye shall, according to your Wit, Discretion, Knowledg, and Experience, give unto her true and faithful Counsel in all things, as shall be demanded of you by way of good advice and counsel: Ye shall also keep secret and conserve her said counsel, without disclosing of the same to any person, except he be of the same Council; And if the matter touch any of the said Council, ye shall not disclose the same unto him; ye shall not also promote nor further any matter in her said Council for any Meed, Reward, Favour, Affection, or Displeasure; And in case you shall perceive any thing to be done or attempted contrary to her Honour, Estate, Degree, or Surety, ye shall to the uttermost of your power, withstand and let the same. And generally, You shall do all manner of things that unto a good, true, and faithful Counsellor shall appertain. So help you God, and the holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath *ministred to the Treasurers of War, for the Receipt and Issues of the three Subsidies, and three Fifteens, granted by Act of Parliament in the* 21. *year of King* James.

YOu shall swear, That you being appointed one of the Treasurers for the receiving of the

the three Subſidies, and three Fifteens and Tenths, granted by the Temporality, ſhall not iſſue any part of thoſe Monies which ſhall be paid unto your hands, or unto the hands of any other by your appointment or conſent, without the ſpecial Warrants of thoſe Perſons which are by his **Majeſty** appointed to be of his Council for the Wares, and in this Act nominated, or of five of them at the leaſt, whereof two of them to be ſuch as are of His **Majeſties** Privy Council, under their Hands.

The Oath *miniſtred to the Council of War, for the true imploying of the three Subſidies, and three Fifteens, granted by Act of Parliament in the* 21. *year of King* James.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you being one of the Council of War choſen by His **Majeſty**, and nominated in this Act, ſhall make no Warrant for any Monies to be iſſued, which are given by this preſent Act, but for ſome of thoſe ends which are expreſſed in this Act; And that all ſuch Warrants as ſhall be made by you, ſhall mention in them that thoſe Monies are to be imployed according to the true meaning of this Act; and to the beſt of your means you ſhall imploy the ſame accordingly.

The

The Oath *miniſtred to* Garter *King of Armes at his Creation.*

FIrſt, ye ſhall ſwear, To honour and obey the **Kings** Highneſs, as firſt and Soveraign of this moſt noble Order, and after him other Knights of the ſame Order, namely in ſuch things as ſhall belong to your Office, which ſhall be found reaſonable. And becauſe you be taken as here to be made privy of Councel, you ſhall ſwear Alwayes to be a man of ſilence, true and faithful in all things here to be done, and ſhall in no wiſe diſcloſe any part thereof.

Ye ſhall ſwear alſo, That ye ſhall be faithful and diligent to fullfil, perform, and execute all things that ſhall be committed to your charge and credit; and diligently to enquire of all the Noble Acts of all and every the ſaid Noble Knights of the ſaid Order, and ſhall certifie the Regiſter thereof, that he may put the ſame in perpetual Memory.

Moreover when any Knight of the ſaid Order ſhall die, ye ſhall ſtrait, upon knowledge thereof, firſt make the Soveraigne privy thereof, and after him the other Knights of the ſaid Order, to be made privy thereunto.

And finally, **ye ſhall ſwear**, That ye ſhall truly and faithfully uſe and exerciſe this ſame Office. So God you help, and theſe bleſſed Evangeliſts.

The

The Oath *of a King of Armes at the time of his Coronation.*

YE ſhall ſwear by the Oath ye received when ye were made Herauld, and by the faith ye own to our Soveraign Lord the **King**, whoſe Armes you bear, That you ſhall truly keep ſuch things as be comprized in theſe Articles following:

Firſt, when the King ſhall command you to do any Meſſage either to **Emperour** or **King**, **Prince**, or any other Eſtate of what condition or degree ſoever he be of, either within the Realm or without, you ſhall do it as honourable and truly as your wit, reaſon, and diſcretion ſhall ſerve you; and as greatly to the advantage of your ſaid Soveraign and his Realm, and true report bring again to your foreſaid Soveraign, of your Meſſage that ye ſhall do, as neer to the charge to you committed, in word and ſubſtance as your ſaid reaſon ſhall attain, alwayes keeping your ſelf ſecret for any manner of motion, except it be to ſuch perſons as you are commanded to utter your Charge unto.

Secondly, you ſhall do your true endeavour, every day to be more cunning than other in the Office of Armes, ſo that ye may be the better furniſhed to teach others under you, and execute with more wiſdom and eloquence, ſuch charges as your Soveraign or any Noble man

man of this Realm ſhall deliver, or give unto you by vertue of the Office which his **Highneſſe** will erect unto you at any time, not diſcovering in no wiſe ſuch as ye are commanded to keep cloſe, unleſs it be prejudicial unto the **King** his Soveraign Lord, and to this Realm.

Thirdly, you ſhall do your beſt endeavour to enquire of all the Noblemen and Gentlemen within your Province or Marches, which ſhould bear Coats in the Field, in the Service of our Soveraign Lord, or Commiſſioners, and them with their Iſſues truly to Regiſter, together with their Armes as they may truly bear, with their difference due in Armes to be given, and whether they hold any ſervice of Knights Fee, whereby they ſhould do the **King** Service for the defence of his Realm.

Fourthly, ye ſhall not be ſtrange to teach Heraulds and Purſevants of ſuch doubts as they ſhall move unto you, howbeit you ſhall ask the Purſevants whether he have moved it, and deſired any of the Heraulds to inſtruct him therein; and if he ſay nay, ye ſhall limit him to one of them, or elſe eaſe him your ſelfe; and if you cannot, then you ſhall ſhew it to the Conſtable or Marſhal: Alſo you ſhall keep from month to month in your Marches your Chapters to the increaſe of cunning in the Office of Armes, and the doubts which cannot there be reſolved and anſwered, you ſhall move to the Conſtable and Marſhal.

Fifthly, ye ſhall obſerve and keep, to your counning

cunning and power, all ſuch Oaths as ye make when ye were created Herauld, to the honour and worſhip of Nobles, and great increaſe of learning and good living, and namely in eſchewing of ſlanders, and diſhoneſt places and perſons reproached; and to be always readier to excuſe then to blame any Noble Perſon unleſs ye be charged to ſpeak truth by the **King's** Highneſs, Conſtable, or Marſhal, or any Peer Judicial; Alſo you ſhall promiſe, to Regiſter all Acts of Honour in manner and form as they are done, as far forth as your power and cunning can extend. As God ſhall you help, and by the holy Contents of this Book.

The Oath *of a Herauld at Armes, at the time of his Creation.*

Firſt, ye ſhall ſwear, to be true to the moſt High and Mighty **Prince** our Soveraign Lord the **King** that here is; And if ye have knowledge or any imagination of Treaſon, in Language or word, that moves to the derogative or hurt of his Eſtate or **Highneſs**, who God defend, you ſhall in that caſe, as honeſtly and as ſoon as ſhall be poſſible diſcover and ſhew to his **Highneſs**, or to his Noble and diſcreet Counſel, and it in no wiſe conceal.

Secondly, ye ſhall promiſe and ſwear, That ye ſhall be converſant and ſerviceable to all Gentlemen,

Gentlemen; to do their commandments, to the worſhip of Knighthood; and to excuſe their Worſhip by your good Councel that God hath ſent you, ever ready to offer your ſelf unto them.

Thirdly, ye ſhall ſwear and promiſe, To be ſecret, and to keep the ſecret of Knights, Eſquires, Ladies, and Gentlewomen, as a Confeſſor of Armes; and not to diſcover them in no wiſe, except it be Treaſon, as aforeſaid.

Fourthly, ye ſhall promiſe and ſwear, That if it fortune you in any Land or Country to go or ride, and find any Gentleman of Name and Armes that hath loſt his good in Worſhip of Knighthood in the **Kings** Service, or in any other place of Worſhip, and is fallen into Poverty, ye ſhall aid, ſupport, and ſuccour him in that you may, if that he ask of you goods to his ſuſtenance, ye ſhall give him part of that which God hath ſent you, to your power, and as ye may bear.

Fifthly, ye ſhall ſwear and promiſe, if ye be in any place where ye hear of any debate or evil Language, between party and party, that is not worſhipful, profitable, nor virtuous, that ye report it not forth, but to their worſhip, and to the beſt.

Sixthly, if ye be in any place where you here debate or language diſhoneſt between Gentleman and Gentleman, whereunto you are called as a Witneſs, or required by Princes, Judges, or any other, unleſs the Law do ſo compel you, ye ſhall not open without Licenſe of

of both Parties; and having Licenſe, ye ſhall for any love, dread, or favour of any party, report the truth.

Seventhly, ye ſhall promiſe and ſwear, To be true and ſecret to all Gentlewomen, Widdows, or Maids; and in caſe be that any man would do them wrong, or inforce them, or diſherit them of livelihoods, and they having not goods to purſue their Rights, if they require you of ſupportation, you ſhall help them with your goods, wiſdom, and counſel, and ſhew their griefs to the **Prince** and Judges.

Eightly, ye ſhall ſwear and pronounce, That ye ſhall forſake all places diſhoneſt of hazardy, and dayly going to common Taverns and places of debate, and all manner of vice, and take you to vertues to your power. Theſe Articles, and all other Articles aboveſaid, you ſhall truly keep. So God you help, and by the Croſs of this Sword, that belongeth to Knighthood.

The Oath *of a Purſevant of Armes, at his Creation.*

First, ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be true to the moſt High, Mighty, and moſt excellent **Princeſs**, the **Queens** moſt excellent Highneſs that now is; and if ye have any knowledge, or hear any imagination of Treaſon, of Language, or word, that ſhould ſound to the derogation or hurt of her Eſtate and High-

neſs, which God forbid, ye ſhall in that caſe as haſtily and as ſoon as is to you poſſible, diſcover and ſhew it unto her **Highneſs**, or to the Honourable and diſcreet Council.

Secondly, ye ſhall alſo diſpoſe you to be lowly, humble, and ſerviceable to all thoſe States Univerſal, that be Chriſtians, not lying in wait to blame, nor hurt none of the ſaid Eſtates in any thing that may touch their Honours.

Thirdly, ye may diſpoſe to be ſecret and ſober in your Port, and not to abuſe in Language, ready to commend, and loath to blame, and diligent in your ſervice, eſchewing vice, and taking you to virtue, and true in your reports; And ſo to exerciſe whiles you be in the Office of Purſevant, that your merits may cauſe your more preferment in the Office of Arms in the time to come; All ſuch Articles and things as belong to a Purſevant of Arms to keep, you ſhall well and truly keep and obſerve. So God you help, and Holidome, and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the Knights of the Round Table, in the time of King* Arthur.

NOt to put off your Armour from your Body, but for requiſite reſt in the night.

To ſearch for marvellous adventures, whereby to win renown.

To defend the poor and ſimple people in their right.

Not

Not to refuſe aid unto them that ſhall ask it in any juſt quarrel.

Not to hurt, offend, or play any lewd part the one with the other.

To fight for the protection, defence and welfare of his friends.

Not to purchaſe any goods or particular profit, but Honour and the Title of honeſty.

Not to break faith promiſed or ſworn, for any cauſe or occaſion whatſoever.

To put forth and ſpend his life for the honour of God and his Country, and to chuſe rather to die honeſtly then to live ſhamefully.

The Oath *which the new King of* Polonia *made to the Turk, in* Anno 1573.

I Promiſe and ſwear by the mighty God merciful, and being the maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things that are therein, by theſe holy Evangliſts, by holy Baptiſme, and by Chriſtian faith. That all thoſe that I know ſhall be manifeſted to high and mighty **Solomon**, Emperour of the Turks, whoſe Empire God certifie, I will be friend to his friends, and enemy to his enemies: I will be a redeemer of his Captives out of the hands of his Enemies, there ſhall be no fraud or deceipt on my part. If I ſhall neglect thus to do, I will be an Apoſtata, a forſaker of the holy Commandments, of the Goſpel of the Chriſtians; I will ſay that the Goſpel is falſe and untrue; I will

croſs both Altar and Prieſt; I will ſlay Swine upon the Fount, I will deny the holy Trinity, and will worſhip them; I will commit whoredom upon the Altar; and will receive the curſe of the Saints even as God ſhall behold me from Heaven.

The Oath *of Homage done and performed by an Arch-Biſhop.*

If your Homage, by reaſon of my Tenure in the Manour of A. in the County of B. become Leigeman of life and limb, and of earthly worſhip, and faith, and troth, I ſhall bear unto you, to live and die againſt all manner of men; as God me help, and all Saints. I ſhall be faithful and true, and faith and truth ſhall bear to you my Soveraign Lord **King H.** and to your Heirs **Kings** of *England*, of life and limb, and earthly worſhip, for to live and die againſt all people; and diligently I ſhall intend unto your needs and buſineſs, after my wit and power; and your Counſel I ſhall keep and lein, and truly I ſhall knowledg; And the ſervicedue of the Temporalities of my Arch-Biſhoppwrick B.C. the which I claim to hold of you, and the which ye gave and yeild to me; And to you and your Commandments, in that to me appertaineth and belongeth, I ſhall be obeyſant. As God me help, and all Saints.

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The Oath *Appointed by Queen* Elizabeth *in* June 1579. *to be miniſtred by the Lord Preſident of* Wales *unto the Council eſtabliſhed in thoſe parts*, &c.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That to the uttermoſt of your power, wit, and cunning, you ſhall be true and faithful to the **Queens** Highneſs our Soveraign Lady, and to her Heirs and Succeſſors; And that you do utterly teſtifie and declare in your conſcience, that the **Queens** Highneſs is the only Supreme Governour of this Realm of *England*, and of all other her **Highneſs** Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual or Eccleſiaſtical things or cauſes, as Temporal; And that no Prince, Perſon, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have any Juriſdiction, power, Supremacy, Preeminence, or Authority: And do promiſe, That from henceforth you ſhall bear faith and true Allegiance to the **Queens** Highneſs her lawful Heirs and Succeſſors, and to your power ſhall aſſiſt and defend all Juriſdictions, Priviledges, Preeminencies, and Authorities, granted or belonging to the **Queens** Highneſs, her Heirs and Succeſſors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Kingdom and Realm.

You ſhall not know, nor have any thing that may any way be prejudicial to her **Highneſs** or to her Common-wealth, peace and quiet of

this her **Highnefs** Realm, but you ſhall with all diligence reveal and diſcloſe the ſame to her **Highnefs**, or to ſuch other perſon or perſons of her Graces Privy Counſel as you ſhall think meet, and will ſooneſt convey it, and bring it to her **Highnefs** knowledge.

You ſhall ſerve her **Majeſty** truly and faithfully in the room and place of her **Highnefs** Counſel; You ſhall in all things to be moved, treated, and debated in any Counſel, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion, according to your heart and conſcience; in no wiſe forbearing ſo to do, for any manner reſpect of favour, meed, dread, diſpleaſure, or corruption.

You ſhall faithfully and uprightly, to the beſt of your power cauſe Juſtice to be duly and indifferently miniſtred to the **Queens Majeſties** Subjects, that ſhall have cauſe to ſue for the ſame, according to the equity and the Order of the Law.

Finally, You ſhall be vigilant, diligent, and circumſpect in all your doings and proceedings, touching the **Queens Majeſty** and all her Affaires.

All which points and Articles before expreſſed, with all other Articles ſigned with the **Queens Majeſties** own hand, and delivered to me the Lord Preſident of her **Highnefs** Counſel eſtabliſhed in thoſe parts, you ſhall faithfully obſerve, keep, and fulfil, to the uttermoſt of your power, wit, will, and cunning, So help you God, and the Contents of this Book.

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The Oath *that a Gentleman Uſher doth give to any that is ſworn the Kings Servant in the time of* H. 8.

First, you ſhall ſwear upon the Holy Evangeliſts, That you faith and truth ſhall bear unto our moſt gracious and moſt dread Soveraign Lord, and unto his Iſſue **Kings** of *England.*

Ye ſhall be here ſworn in and unto the room of a Gentleman Uſher, or *&c.* whereunto at this preſent time by the **Kings** Highneſs Commandment you are admitted and received, you ſhall from henceforth truly and diligently attend and wait.

Ye ſhall not know or conceal any thing prejudicial compaſſed, attempted, or imagined, againſt our ſaid moſt gracious and moſt dread Soveraign Lord the **King** or his Iſſue, or any of them; but you ſhall incontinently upon the ſaid knowledg diſcover the ſame unto my Lord great Chamberlain, or elſe to Maſter Vice-Chamberlain, and in their abſence, to one of the Uſhers of the **Kings** Chamber.

Ye ſhall not diſcover any ſecrets or other things that may touch the **Kings** moſt Honourable Council, or to the Honour of his Chamber.

Ye ſhall be obedient unto the Lord Great Chamberlain, Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, and unto

to the Ushers of the said Chamber, and to their Commandments fully, and keep to the uttermost of your power.

Ye shall eschew all manner of Riots, Routs, unlawful Assemblies, and making of Bands, Quarrels, Debates, Strifes, Controversies, either within the **Kings** Chamber, or without; and ye shall forbid and let the same, to the uttermost of your power; and ye shall let the said Officers or one of them have knowledge thereof without any further delay.

Ye shall not wear neither Livery, Cognizance, nor Badge of no mans, be retained of no man, but only to the **Kings Majesty**; nor ye shall not retain contrary to the Statute.

Ye shall not depart out of the **Kings** Court, without License had and obtained of my Lord Great Chamberlain, or else of Master Vice-Chamberlain, or his Deputy in his absence.

All the which Premisses, and every of them with all and singular other Commandements whatsoever they are, or shall happen to be given you in charge, on the behalf of our most Gracious and most Excellent **Majesty** by my Lord Great Chamberlain, Master Vice-Chamberlain, or any of the said Ushers; Ye shall on your behalf observe, perform, fullfil and keep, to the uttermost of your power. So help you God, and all his Saints, and by the Holy Contents of this Book.

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The Oath *miniſtred to the Kings Servants, as well Knights and Eſquires for the Body as others, in the time of* Henry 8.

YE ſhall be from henceforth during your life natural, faithful and true, and faith ſhall bear, and faithfully and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord **H**. 8. by the Grace of God **King** of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream Head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs of his Body begotten, againſt all Men that may live or die, of what Eſtate, Degree, or Condition ſoever they be.

Ye ſhall nothing do or attempt that in any manner of wiſe may be hurtful or prejudicial to our ſaid Soveraign Lord, or to his Heirs; And if it ſhall happen at any time hereafter, any thing to come to your knowledge, that in any manner of ways be hurtful or prejudicial to our ſaid Soveraign Lord, or to his Heirs, or that may touch the ſurety or honour of their perſons, ye ſhall not only let it to the beſt of your power, but alſo in all haſte poſſible ſhall ſhew it to our Soveraign Lord, or to ſome of his Council attending upon his perſon, ſo that the ſame may come to the knowledg of his Grace.

Alſo ye ſhall not be, nor ſtand confederate, nor Banded, nor Band your ſelf, or yet be retained

tained in any cauſe or matter, to, or with, or towards any manner of perſon, of what eſtate, condition, or degree ſoever he be of, privily or openly; neither by Promiſe, Sign, Indenture, Fee, nor by any other manner of wiſe whatſoever it be, otherwiſe then the Law will ſuffer or permit you.

You ſhall alſo diligently ſerve the **Kings** Grace in the room of *N. N.* and not depart from the Court where his Grace for the time ſhall be, unleſs ye be licenſed ſo to do by his Grace, or by his Lord Chamberlain, or in his abſence by his Vice Chamberlain, and to be obedient in that they ſhall command you to do within the **Kings** Houſe, or elſewhere touching the **Kings** ſervice in that appertaineth to the room of *N. N.* well and truly keep, and obſerve on your behalf. So help you God and all his Saints, and by this Book.

The Oath *miniſtred in Parliament to the Duke of* Bedford, *and other Lords Spiritual and Temporal, for the according of all Controverſies between the Duke of* Gloceſter, *and the Biſhop of* Wincheſter *Chancellor of* England, *in the fourth year of* H. 6.

THat my Lord of **Bedford**, and my ſaid Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and each of them ſhall as far forth as their cunning and diſcretion ſufficiently, truly, juſtly, and indifferently

ently counſel, and adviſe the King, and alſo proceed and acquit himſelf in all the ſaid matters and quarrels withouten, that they or any of them ſhall privily, or apart make, or ſhew himſelf, or be party, or parcel therein nought, being, or eſchewing ſo to do for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any perſon or perſons, and that they ſhall in all wayes keep ſecret all that ſhall be conveyed by way of counſel in the matters and quarrels aboveſaid in the foreſaid Parliament, withouten that they or any of them ſhall by word, writing, or in any wiſe open it, or diſcover it to any of the ſaid parties, or to any other perſon that is not of the ſaid Counſel; but if he have eſpecial Commandement thereto of the **King**, or of my ſaid Lord of **Bedford**, and that each of them ſhall with all his might and power by by him, and by his ſtrength, and aſſiſt by way of Counſel, or elſe unto the **King** to my ſaid Lord of **Bedford**, and to the remnant of my ſaid Lords, to put the ſaid parties to reaſon, and naught ſuffer, that any of the ſaid parties by them, or theirs, proceed or attempt by way of feat againſt the Kings Peace; nor help, aſſiſt, or comfort any of them hereto, but let him with all their might and power, and withſtand him, and aſſiſt unto the King, and my ſaid Lord of **Bedford** in keeping of the **Kings** Peace, and redreſſing of all ſuch manner of proceedings by way of feat and force.

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The Oath *of a Biſhop.*

I A. B. Doctor in Divinity, late Biſhop of *D.* and now elected Biſhop of *L.* do verily teſtifie and declare in my conſcience, that your Majeſty is the only ſupream Governour of this Realm of *England*, and of all other your Majeſties Dominions and Countries, as well in all Spiritual and Eccleſiaſtical, Cauſes, as Temporal, and that no Forreign Prince, Perſon, Prelate, State, or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Juriſdictory power, ſuperiority, preeminence, or authority Eccleſiaſtical or Temporal within this Realm; and therefore I do utterly renounce and forſake all forreign Juriſdictions, Powers, Superiorities, and Authorities, and do promiſe that from henceforth I ſhall and will bear true faith and allegiance to your Majeſty, your lawful Heirs, and Succeſſors, and to my power ſhall aſſiſt, and defend all Juriſdictions, Priviledges, Preeminences, and Authorities granted and belonging to your Highneſs, your Heirs, and lawful Succeſſors, or united or annexed to the Imperial Crown of this your Majeſties Realms; and further I acknowledge and confeſs to have the ſaid Biſhop of *L.* and the Poſſeſſions there of your Highneſs; and after the ſame I do my homage preſently unto your Majeſty, to whom and to your lawful Heirs and Succeſſors, I ſhall be faithful and true. So help me God, and the contents of this Book.

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The Oath *of a Privy Counſellor, framed now in the time of King* James.

YOu ſhall ſwear, To be a true and faithful Servant unto the **Kings Majeſty**, and one of his Privy Counſel; you ſhall not know, or underſtand of any manner of thing to be attempted, done or ſpoken againſt his **Majeſties** Perſon, Honour, Crown, or dignity Royal, but you ſhall let and withſtand the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and either cauſe it to be revealed unto his **Majeſty** himſelf, or to ſuch of his Privy Counſel as ſhall advertiſe his Highneſs of the ſame; you ſhall in all things to be moved, treated, and debated in Counſel, faithfully and truly declare your mind and opinion according to your heart and conſcience, and ſhall keep ſecret all matters committed and revealed unto you, or that ſhall be treated of ſecretly in Counſel, and if any of the ſame Treaties or Counſels ſhall touch any of the Counſellors. you ſhall not reveal it unto him, but ſhall keep the ſame until ſuch time as by the conſent of his **Majeſty**, or of the Counſel, publication ſhall be made thereof; You ſhall to your utmoſt bear faith and allegiance unto the **Kings Majeſty**, his Heirs, and lawful Succeſſors, and ſhall aſſiſt, and defend all Juriſdictions, Preeminences, and Authorities granted to his **Majeſty**, and annexed to his Crown againſt all forreign Princes, Perſons, Prelates,

lates, or Potentates, *&c.* by Act of Parliament or otherwiſe; and generally in all things you ſhall do as a faithful and true Servant and Subject ought to do to his **Majeſty**. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the Lord Privy Seal.*

YE ſhall as far forth as your cunning and diſcretion ſufficeth, truly, juſtly, and evenly execute, and exerciſe the Office of Keeper of the **Kings** Privy Seal to you by his Highneſs committed, not leaving or eſchewing ſo to do for affection, love, meed, doubt, or dread of any perſon or perſons, and ye ſhall take ſpecial regard that the ſaid Privy Seal in all places where you ſhall direct unto, may be in ſuch ſubſtantial wiſe uſed and ſafely, that no other perſon without the **Kings** ſpecial commandment, or your aſſent or knowledge, ſhall more ſeal, or imprint any thing with the ſame, and generally ye ſhall obſerve, fullfil, and do all and every thing which to the Office of the Keeper of the **Kings** Privy Seal duely belongeth and appertaineth. So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath *of a Secretary of State.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, To be a true and faithful Servant unto the **Kings Majeſty**, as one

one of the Secretaries of his **Majesties** Highneſs Privy Counſel; you ſhall not know or underſtand of any matter or thing to be attempted, done, or ſpoken againſt his **Majeſties** Perſon, Honour, Crown, or Dignity Royal, but you ſhall let and withſtand the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and either do or cauſe it to be revealed, either to his **Majeſty** himſelf, or to his Privy Counſel; You ſhall keep ſecret all matters revealed and committed unto you, or that ſhall be ſecretly treated of in Counſel, and if any of the ſaid Treaties or Counſels ſhall touch any of the ſaid Counſellors; you ſhall not reveal the ſame unto him, but ſhall keep the ſame until ſuch time as by the conſent of his Majeſty, or of the Counſel publication ſhall be made thereof; you ſhall to your uttermoſt bear faith and allegiance unto the **Kings** Majeſty, his Heirs, and lawful Succeſſors and ſhall aſſiſt, and defend all Juriſdictions, Preeminiencies, and Authorities granted to his Majeſty, and annexed to his Crown againſt all forreign Princes, Perſons, Prelates, Potentates, *&c.* by Act of Parliament or otherwiſe; And generally in all things you ſhall do as a faithful and true Servant, and Subject (ought to do) to his Majeſty. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this Book.

This clauſe above noted thus, *C. C.* is the ſame which is ſet down more largly in the Oath of Supremacy, in the firſt Act of Parliament, in the firſt year of **Queen Elizabeth**

Elizabeth, which Oath must be taken at the same time with this, and therefore is not needful to be here recited.

The Oath *of the Lords Keeper of the Great Seal of* England.

YE shall swear, That well and truly you shall serve our Soveraign Lord the **King**, and his people in the Office of the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, and ye shall do right to all manner of People, poor and rich, after the Laws and Usages of this Realm, and truly ye shall counsel the **King**, and his Council you shall leave and keep, and you shall not know, nor suffer the hurt or disheriting of the **King**, or that the rights of the Crown be decreased by any mean, as far forth as you may let it, and if you may not let it you shall make it clearly and expresly to be known unto the **King**, with your true advice and counsel, and that you shall do, and purchase the **Kings** profit in all that you reasonably may, as God you help, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Signet.*

YOu ſhall be true to our Soveraign **Lord** the **King**, and his heirs and Succeſſors, **Kings** and **Queens** of *England*; and alſo you ſhall keep ſecret his Counſel in all things you ſhall be privy unto concerning the Office of the Signet, without uttering or diſcloſing the ſame to any perſon; and if you ſhall hear, or know any thing either in word or deed which ſhall be in any wiſe to the derogation or hurt of his Majeſties Perſon and Royal Eſtate, you ſhall it let to your power as in you lieth; and as honeſtly as is poſſible, ſhall diſcover, and ſhew the ſame to his Highneſs, or to ſome of his diſcreet Councel. So help you God, and by the holy contents of this Book,

The Oath *of the Deputy of the Town of* Calice, *ordered by Parliament in Anno XXVII.* Hen. 8.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye ſhall be faithful true unto our Soveraign Lord King **Henry** 8. by the Grace of God **King** of *England* and of *France*, defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth ſupream head of the Church of *England*; And if ye ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highneſs, or his Heirs, or to his Town of

Calice, or Marches of the ſame; ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs, or to ſuch of his Councel as ye think will ſhew it unto him, and ye ſhall ſafely keep to the uſe of our ſaid Soveraign Lord, and of his Heirs, and defend to the uttermoſt of your power this his Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame, as much as to you by reaſon of your Office belongeth; and in all things to be done that toucheth the ſafeguard, defence, and good Governance of the ſaid Town, and Marches; Ye ſhall give as it ſhall need from time to time your true, faithful, and diligent Counſel to the other the **Kings** Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and ye ſhall at no time be abſent from your ſaid Office without the **Kings** ſpecial licenſe obtained in that behalf. Ye ſhall well and truly overſee the Marſhal, and all other Officers, his, and their Miniſters and Servants, and their Charge, and every one of them in his degree intreat in his Office as appertaineth, not ſuffering any of them to do in his ſaid Office, or by colour thereof, any exceſs, extortion, bribery, or exaction; and if any of them be found, or approved in that caſe culpable, that without favour or delay ye proceed to the puniſhment of them, and every of them to the example of other; Ye ſhall do your devoyer at your power to the keeping of the Peace among all eſtates, and other perſons of what degree or condition ſoever they be

be within the ſaid Town dwelling, or thereunto from time to time repairing, not ſuffering any Congregations, Aſſemblies, Commotions, or Conventicles to be made within the ſaid Town, againſt the ſaid Peace, or againſt the good, reſtful, and Politique Governance of the ſaid Town; And if any perſon of what degree or condition ſoever he, or they be within the ſaid Town, that provoketh privily, or appartly any ſuch Congregation, Aſſembly, Commotion, Sedition or Conventicle, as be found faulty thereof, either elſe that taketh upon him any unlawful maintenance, to the perturbance or violation of the ſaid Peace, or againſt right to oppreſs by might any perſon; Ye ſhall reſiſt and let, with the advice and aid of the reſidue of the **Kings** Councel of the ſaid Town, and do ſuch puniſhment thereunto as with reaſon may ſerve, without any exception of perſon, not ſparing ſo to do for favour, love, dread, or meed of any perſon; And that as much as in you ſhall lie, to your power you ſhall foreſee that the ſaid Town be ſufficiently Victualled from time to time, as unto the ſame neceſſarily ſhall appertain or belong; And ye ſhall overſee the Rule and Governance of the Mayor, and Aldermen of the ſaid Town touching all manner of Victual and other things appertaining to their charge for the Common-Weal, profit, and policy of the ſaid Town, and if any default ye find therein, ye ſhall miniſter and ſhew it unto them, charging

them to amend and redreſs it, and if they be therein negligent or froward, ye ſhall then by the ſaid advice purvey ſuch remedy by your wiſdome and diſcretion as can be thought moſt expedient with reaſon; And if you, and the ſaid Council cannot provide remedy in that behalf, that then ye ſhall diſcloſe the ſame to the **Kings** Highneſs, or to ſuch of the **Kings** Council as ye think verily will inform the **Kings** Highneſs thereof with ſpeed; And ye ſhall adminiſter truly, rightfully, and indifferently Juſtice to all manner of perſon and perſons, that ſhall have any cauſe moved or depending before you in the ſaid Town and Marches, without having any manner of reſpect to any perſon for love, meed, dread, or favour; And ye ſhall in time conveniable, after your ſaid diſcretion, viſit, and overſee the Locks and ſhutting of the Gates and Poſterns of the ſaid Town, and alſo the governance of the Watch, Tower, Wall, and Ditches of the ſame, and generally all other things neceſſary for the ſurety, ſafeguard, and defence thereof; And ye ſhall not appoint, nor admit any perſon or perſons into any room within the retinue of the ſaid Town belonging to your Admiſſion; but if the ſame perſon or perſons be born within the Realm for *England*, *Wales*, *Ireland*, the ſaid Town of *Calice*, and the Marches of the ſame; and that the ſaid perſon or perſons be not Artificers, except he or they be a Bowyer, or Amorour, Fletcher, Croſs-bow-maker, or Smith, and the ſame Perſon

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ſo by you named not to be admitted to any ſuch room, nor to enjoy nor exerciſe the ſame room to the time he be viewed, examined, and enabled thereunto as well by the Treaſurer and Comptroller, as by the reſidue of the Kings Council there then being preſent; And you ſhall not admit, nor ſuffer any Alien born out of the **Kings** obeyſance, to take and inhabit any dwelling-Houſe within the Town of *Calice* and Marches of the ſame, as much as to you appertaineth, except the ſaid perſon be licenſed by the **Kings** Letters Patents ſo to do under his Great Seal, any Grant, or Grants heretofore made to the contrary notwithſtanding: And ye ſhall ſee ſurely to be kept, and ſafely and ſtraightly cauſe to be obſerved as much as in you lieth all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, or to be made by the **King** our Soveraign Lord **Henry** VIII. or by his Council Authoriſed for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good orders of his Town of *Calice*, and the Marches of the ſame, doing due execution upon the Tranſgreſſors of any of the ſaid Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the perſons ſo tranſgreſſing for affection, meed, dread, or any other cauſe whatſoever; As God you help, and the holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of the Lieutenant of* Guyſnes, *ordered by Parliament,* Anno 27. H. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord King Hen. 8. by the Grace of God King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and if you ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highneſs, or his Heirs, or his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame, ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs, or to ſuch of his Councel as ye think will ſhew it unto him; And ye ſhall ſafely keep to the uſe, and behoof of our ſaid Soveraign Lord, and of his Heirs and defend to the uttermoſt of your power the Caſtle, Town, and County of *Guyſnes*, by his Highneſs appointed and aſſigned to your ſafe keeping, and in all things to be done that toucheth the defence, and good Governance of the Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame; ye ſhall give from time to time your true, faithful, and diligent counſel and aſſiſtance to the Kings Deputy for the time being, and other of the Council and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and ye ſhall be perſonally remaining, and be reſident upon your room and Office there,

there, and at no time to be abſent from the ſame without the **Kings** ſpecial licenſe obtained; And you ſhall well and truly overſee, that all the ſaid Officers and Miniſters of the ſaid Caſtle and Town, and County of *Guyſnes*, that ſhall ſerve the **Kings** Highneſs there under you, ſhall diligently do, cauſe, and ſuffer to be done, all and every thing and things that unto them ſhall appertain and belong concerning the ſure and ſafe keeping of the ſaid Caſtle, Town, and County, and if any of them be found, and approved to be remiſs or negligent in doing his, or their duty, that then ye without any favour or delay, proceed to the correction and puniſhing of him or them ſo offending; and that ye do your duty to your power to the keeping of the Peace among all and every perſon and perſons, of what degree or condition he or they be dwelling within the ſaid Caſtle, Town, and County of *Guyſnes*, or thereunto from time to time repairing, not ſuffering any unlawful Congregations, Conventions, or Couventicles to be made within the ſaid Caſtle, Town, or County of *Guyſnes*, againſt good, reſtful, and Politick Governance of the ſame, and duly to correct all and every perſon or perſons ſo offending; and that as much as in you ſhall lie, ye ſhall foreſee that the ſaid Caſtle be furniſhed with Victuals, as with all other things appertaining to the ſafe cuſtody of the ſame that to you belongeth of the duty of your ſaid Office; And that you truly, rightfully, and indifferently adminiſter Juſtice unto all and every

every Perſon and Perſons that hereafter ſhall have any cauſe or matter moved or depending before you in the ſaid Caſtle, Town, and County of *Guyſnes*, without having any manner of reſpect to any Perſon or Perſons, for love, dread, meed, malice, or affection; And that you from time to time as much as in you is foreſee, that the **Kings** Highneſs be not deceived, or defrauded in any of his Poſſeſſions, Rents, Revenues, and Profits which to his Highneſs ſhould appertain within the ſaid Caſtle, Town, and County; And ye ſhall not appoint, nor admit any Perſon or Perſons within the retinue of the ſaid Caſtle; but if the ſaid Perſon or Perſons be born within the Realm of *England*, *Wales*, *Ireland*, the ſaid Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; and that the ſaid Perſon be ſworn to be true Leigeman unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and to his Heirs; And finally, ye ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept as much as in you ſhall be, during the time that you ſhall be Captain there, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, or to be made by our ſaid Soveraign Lord, his Heirs, or Succeſſors, or by his or their Councel authoriſed for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good orders of the Caſtle, Town, and County of *Guyſnes*, doing due execution upon the Tranſgreſſors offending any of the ſame Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the perſon ſo offending, for love, favour, meed, dread, or any other cauſe whatſoever.

ver. So help you God, Holydome, and all Saints, and by this Book.

The Oath *of the High Marſhal of* Calice, *ordained by Parliament in* Anno 27. Hen. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord King H. 8. By the Grace of God King of *England* and *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; And if ye ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highneſs, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame, ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power; And in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs, or unto ſuch of his Council as ye think will ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall be diligent obedient and attendant to the Deputy of the ſaid Town, and Marches for the time being, in thoſe things that to the ſervice of the Kings ſure, good, politick Government, and defence of the ſaid Town and Marches appertaineth, and in all things to be done that toucheth the defence, ſafeguard, and good Government of the ſaid Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame, ſhall give as it ſhall need from time to time your true faithful, and diligent counſel to the Deputy for the time being, and

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to the **Kings** Council, and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and them aid and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt of your power; and ye ſhall ſet, or do to be ſet the **Kings** Watch, and that viſit from time to time as unto your Office appertaineth, as it is ordained to be uſed, ſearched; And if ye can any better order or deviſe, ye ſhall ſhew it unto the Deputy, and **Kings** Council of the ſaid Town and Marches, to the intent it may be ſet in the ſureſt and ſtricteſt way for the ſafeguard of the ſaid Town and Marches; and that ye preſent not, or do to be preſented, nor impriſoned, nor cauſe to be impriſoned, any manner of perſon, Watchman, or other without reaſonable or juſt cauſe, and if any be impriſoned may be delivered without Fees, or Coſts paying. And that ye ſhall duly and truly Arreſt; and do to be Arreſted, all and every perſon and perſons, according to the Laws uſed and accuſtomed within the ſaid Town, and alſo all and every other perſon or perſons that ye ſhall know to be fugitive, taking the Fees thereunto limited and accuſtomed without exceſs; and alſo that you take Surety, or do to be taken of each Priſoner, as well of the Plaintiff as of the Defendant, to purſue, and anſwer as the Law will ordain, ſo that every perſon that commeth into the **Kings** Court may have full right; and if any perſon by chance meddle, drawing Weapon or ſmiting, that ye lead, or cauſe to be led to Priſon, there to remain according to the Laws, Cuſtomes and Ordinances of the Town. And that

that ye Preſent every fault Preſentable, and that ought by you to be Preſented by vertue of your Office, and if ye ſee any default, or that ye be required of any perſon to take any diſtreſs for doing or cleanſing of the ſaid Town, that ye do it duly, and truly, and cauſe it to be done by the Officers under you, ſo that no man have cauſe to complain thereof; And ye ſhall make good and true Records of all manner of things that ought to be Recorded, taking no other Fees for the ſame then of right and reaſon have been uſed of old time; And ye ſhall not hold with no Party againſt the other, none ſuſtain, but ye ſhall be true Reverentary, and Reporter of all that which belongeth unto your Office of Marſhal, and if ye hear, or weet of any Menaces or Debate between any parties that ye take, or cauſe to be taken of both the ſaid Parties Sureties, to the intent that the Peace may be kept and holden for the ſaid Town and Marches, and ye ſhall ſee ſurely to be kept, and ſtraitly cauſe to be obſerved as much as in you lieth, all manner of Statutes, Laws, Ordinances made, or to be made by our Soveraign Lord King **Henry** VIII. or his Heirs, or by his Council authoriſed for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good order of this Town of *Calice* and of the Marches of the ſame, doing due execution upon the Tranſgreſſors of any of the ſame Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the Perſon ſo Tranſgreſſing for affection, meed, dread, or any other cauſe whatſoever.

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The Oath *of the Lieutenant of the Caſtle of* Calice, *ordained by Parliament in* Anno 27. H. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord King **Hen.** 8. by the Grace of God, **King** of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and if ye ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highneſs, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; Ye ſhall reſide the ſame to the uttermoſt of our power, and in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs or unto ſuch of his Council as ye ſhall think will ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall give as it ſhall need from time to time your true faithful, and diligent counſel to the **Kings** Deputy of his Town, and Marches of *Calice* for the time being, and to the **Kings** Council, and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and them ſhall aid and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt of your power, in all things to be done concerning ſafeguard, defence, and good governance of the ſaid Town and Marches; Ye ſhall ſafely keep true *Engliſh* to the uſe and behoof of our Soveraign Lord, and of his Heirs to the uttermoſt of your power, his Caſtle and Fortreſs of *Calice*, by his Highneſs appointed and aſſigned

ed to your ſafe keeping; Ye ſhall perſonally remain, and be reſident upon your ſaid room, and Office there, and at no time to be abſent from the ſame without the **Kings** ſpecial licenſe for the ſame obtained; And you ſhall well and truly overſee that all Officers, Souldiers, and Miniſters of the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs, that ſhall ſerve the **Kings** Highneſs there under you, ſhall diligently do, cauſe, and ſuffer to be done, all and every thing and things that unto them ſhall appertain and belong, concerning the ſure and ſafe keeping of the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs; and if any of them be found and proved to be remiſs, or negligent in doing his or their duty, or duties, that then ye without favour or delay proceed to the correction and punition of him or them ſo offending; And that you do your duty to your power to the keeping of the Peace among all and every perſon or perſons, of what condition he or they be, dwelling within the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs or thereunto from time to time repairing, not ſuffering any unlawful Congregations, Conventions, or Conventicles to be made within the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs, againſt good, reſtful, and Politick, Government of the ſame, and duly to correct all and every perſon and perſons offending; And that as much as in you ſhall lie, you ſhall ſee that the Caſtle and Fortreſs be furniſhed as well with Victuals and with all other things appertaining to the ſafe cuſtody of the ſame that to you belongeth by duty of your Office,

and

and that you truly, rightfully, and indifferently adminiſter Juſtice to all and every perſon and perſons that hereafter ſhall have any Cauſe or matter moved, or depending before you in the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs, without having any manner of reſpect to any perſon or perſons, for dread, meed, malice, or affection; And ye ſhall not appoint, nor admit any perſon or perſons within the retinue of the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs, but if the ſaid perſon or perſons be born within the Realm of *England*, *Wales*, and *Ireland*, or being *Engliſh* born within the ſaid Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; and that the ſaid perſon to be true Leigeman unto the King our Soveraign Lord, and to his Heirs. And finally, ye ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept as much as in you ſhall be during the time ye ſhall be Lieutenant there, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, and to be made by our ſaid Soveraign Lord, his Heirs, or his Succeſſors, or by their Council Authorized for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs, doing due Execution upon the Tranſgreſſors ſo offending any of the ſaid Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to any perſon ſo offending for affection, meed, dread, or any other cauſe whatſoever. So God, *&c.*

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The Oath *of the Treaſurer of* Calice, *as it was ordained by Parliament in the* 27th. *Year of* Hen. 8.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord Hen. 8. by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth, Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and if ye ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial and hurtful unto his Highneſs, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; Ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs, or unto ſuch of his Council as ye think will ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall be diligent, obedient, and attendant to the Deputy of the ſaid Town, and Marches for the time being, in thoſe things that to the ſervice of the King, ſure and Politick Governnance, and defence of the ſaid Town and Marches appertaineth, and in all things to be done that toucheth the ſafeguard and defence, and good governance of the ſaid Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame; Ye ſhall give, as it ſhall be need from time to time, your true, faithful, and diligent counſel to the Deputy for the time being, and to the Council, and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and them aid and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt

moſt of your power, and that to your knowledge, wit, and power, for as much as in you is during the time you ſhall be in your Office, you ſhall endeavour your ſelf to ſee his Highneſs anſwered, and truly ſatisfied of all Rents, Revenues, Iſſues, Profits, and Commodities, as well caſual as certain, whatſoever they be or ſhall be which his Highneſs of right ought for to have, or hereafter ſhall have, or be, or ſhall be to him belonging by any manner of mean within the ſaid Town, County, and Marches; and that he be in no wiſe defrauded, or deceived thereof by your negligence or default; and that ye make no payment of none Wages to none Officer nor other Souldier, unto ſuch time as due Muſter be had, viewed, and taken, and the ſame comptrolled by the Comptrollers Book for the time being; And ye ſhall from time to time, during the time ye ſhall be in your Office, ſee all Artificers which be, or ſhall be in Wages under your Governance and Rule, diligently, duly, and truly exerciſe and occupy their Occupations, and Myſteries in the **Kings** Works, and that you ſhall not appoint, or admit any perſon or perſons into the Office or room of a Spear, or other Souldier within your retinue, but if the ſaid perſon or perſons be born within the Realm of *England*, *Wales*, *Ireland*, the ſaid Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; And that the ſaid perſon be ſworn to be true Leige-man unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and his Heirs, and be an able perſon to ſerve the **King**, for the Defence of the ſaid Town

and

and Marches; And finally you ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept as much as in you ſhall be, during the time that you ſhall be in your Office, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, or to be made by our Soveraign Lord, his Heirs and Succeſſors, or by his or their Council authorized for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of the ſaid Town and Marches. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Lieutenant of* Ruisbank, *as it was ordained by Parliament in* Anno 27. *of* Hen. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord King Henry the eighth, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; And if ye ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highneſs, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame, ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power, and in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs, or unto ſuch of his Council as ye think will ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall give from time to time as it ſhall need your true, faithful, and diligent counſel to the Kings Deputy of his Town and Marches, and them ſhall aid and aſſiſt to

the uttermoſt of your power in things to be done concerning the ſafeguard, defence, and good Governance of the ſaid Town and Marches; Ye ſhall ſafely keep true *Engliſh* to the uſe and behoof of our ſaid Soveraign Lord, and of his Heirs, and defend to the uttermoſt of your power his Caſtle and Fortreſs of *Ruisbank*, by his Highneſs appointed and aſſigned to your ſaid keeping; Ye ſhall be perſonally remaining and reſident upon your ſaid Office and Room there, and at no time to be abſent from the ſame without the **Kings** ſpecial Licenſe for the ſame obtained; And you ſhall well and truly overſee that all Officers, Souldiers, and Miniſters of the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs, that ſhall ſerve the **Kings** Highneſs there under you, ſhall diligently do, cauſe, and ſuffer to be done, all and every thing and things that unto them ſhall appertain and belong, concerning the ſure and ſafe keeping of the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs, and if any of them be found, and proved to be remiſs, or negligent in doing his or their duty; That then ye without Favour, or delay, proceed to the correction and punition of him, or them ſo offending, and that you do your duty to your power to the keeping of the Peace among all and every perſon and perſons, of what degree or condition ye or they be, dwelling within the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs, or thereunto from time to time repairing, not ſuffering any unlawful Congregations, Conventions, or Conventicles to be made within the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs againſt good,

good, reſtful, and Politique Governance of the ſame; and duly to correct all and every perſon and perſons offending; and that as much as in you ſhall lie you ſhall ſee that the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs be furniſhed as well with Victual as with all other things appertaining to the ſafe cuſtody of the ſame that to you belongeth by duty of your ſaid Office; and that you truly, rightfully, and indifferently adminiſter Juſtice to all, and every perſon and perſons that hereafter ſhall have any cauſe or matter, moved or depending before you in the ſaid Caſtle or Fortreſs, without having any manner of reſpect to any perſon or perſons for love, dread, meed, malice, or affection; And ye ſhall not admit, nor appoint any perſon or perſons within the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs, but if the ſaid perſon or perſons be born within the ſaid Realms of *England*, *Wales*, *Ireland*, or being *Engliſh* born within the ſaid Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; and that the ſaid perſon be ſworn to be true Leigeman unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and unto his Heirs; and finally, you ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept as much as in you ſhall be, during the time you ſhall be Lieutenant there, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made, and to be made by your ſaid Soveraign Lord, his Heirs, or his Succeſſors, or by his or their Counſel authoriſed for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of the ſaid Caſtle and Fortreſs, doing due execution upon the

transgressors offending any of the said Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the person so offending, for love, favour, meed, dread, or other cause whatsoever. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Lieutenent of* Hannues, *as it was ordained by Parliament in* Anno 27. Hen. 8.

THe said Lieutenant shall take the like Oath as is Ordained before for the Lieutenant of *Ruisbank.*

The Oath *of the Comptroller of* Calice, *as it was ordained by Parliament in* Anno 27. Hen. 8.

YOu shall swear, That ye shall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord Hen. 8. by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth, Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and if ye shall know any thing that shall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highness, or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the same; Ye shall resist the same to the uttermost of your power, and in case ye cannot, ye shall without delay declare the same unto his Highness, or unto such of his Council as ye think will shew

ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall be diligent, obedient, and attendant to the Deputy of the ſaid Town, and Marches for the time being, in thoſe things that to the ſervice of the **King**, ſure good Politique Governnance, and defence of the ſaid Town and Marches appertaineth; And that you ſhall not be abſent from your ſaid Office without the **Kings** ſpecial Licenſe obtained in that behalf, and in all things to be done that toucheth the ſafeguard, defence, and good governance of the ſaid Town of *Calice* and Marches of the ſame, ſhall give as it ſhall need from time to time, your true, faithful, and diligent counſel for the time being, and to the **Kings** Council and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and them ayd, and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt of your power; And you ſhall ſo much as in you is, that due Muſters ſhall be taken at all the whole retinue, at two ſeveral times in the year before the paying of their Wages and oftner if need ſhall be thought by the Deputy and the **Kings** Council of the ſaid Town to be needful; and in as much as in you is, and ſhall be from time to time, ye ſhall ſee that the Deputy, Souldiers, and all other Officers and Miniſters whatſoever, be reſident, attendant, and furniſhed as to them in every degree appertaineth; and ſuch as ye ſhall find defective, or faulty from time to time; ye ſhall reform, and do therein as to your Office belongeth; ye ſhall alſo diligently and particularly overſee the Proviſions made, and to be made of all and every thing and things neceſſary and expedient for

the **Kings** Works, Buildings, and Reparations within the ſaid Town and Marches, and diligently ſee that all Artificers, and Work-men, that from time to time ſhall be retained in the **Kings** Wages, ſhall do their duties in all ſuch things for the which they are ſo retained; And that you from time to time, as much as in you is, foreſee that the **Kings** Highneſs be not deceived, nor defrauded of any of his Poſſeſſions, Rents, Revenues, Woods, Waters, Cuſtoms, Forfeitures, and other Profits, as well certain as caſual, whatſoever they be, which to his Highneſs ſhall of right appertain; And that ye ſhall not appoint, nor admit any perſon or perſons into the room of a Souldier within your retinue, but if the ſaid perſon or perſons be born within the ſaid Realm of *England*, *Wales*, and *Ireland*, and the ſaid Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame, and the ſaid perſon to be ſworn to be true Leige-man unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and to his Heirs; and to be an able perſon to ſerve the **King** for defence of the ſaid Town and Marches. And finally, ye ſhall obſerve and keep, or cauſe to be obſerved and kept, as much as in you ſhall be, during the time that you ſhall be in your Office, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made and to be made, *ut ſupra*.

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The Oath *of the Maſter Porter, as it was ordained by Parliament, in* Anno. 27. H. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord King Henry 8. by the grace of God King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in each Supream Head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; and if ye ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful unto his Highneſs or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame; ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power; And in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame unto his Highneſs, or unto ſuch of his Council, as ye think will ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall be diligent, obedient, and attendant to the Deputy of the ſaid Town and Marches, for the time being, in thoſe things that to the ſervice of the Kings Sewer, good politique Governance and defence of the ſaid Town and Marches appertaineth, and in all things to be done as toucheth the ſafeguard, defence, and good governance of the ſaid Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame, ſhall give, as it ſhall need, from time to time, your true, faithful, and diligent counſel to the Deputy, for the time being; And to the Kings Council and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and them aid and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt of your

power; Ye ſhall ſafely keep, duly and truly, the Keyes of the Gates of this Town of *Calice* at all times, as to your Office appertaineth; and if that you may hear or eſpy coming by Water or by Land any tidings, you ſhall do it to be known to the **Kings** Deputy of the ſaid Town and Marches with diligence; And ye ſhall not raiſe, nor ſuffer to be done or raiſed any new cuſtoms which might turn to prejudice or hinderance of any perſon. And finally, ye ſhall ſee ſurely to be kept, and ſtraightly cauſe to be obſerved, as much as in you lieth, all manner of Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances made or to be made by our ſaid Soveraign Lord or his Heirs and Succeſſors, or by his Council authorized for the ſame, for the ſafeguard, tuition, defence, and good Orders of this Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame, doing due Execution upon the Tranſgreſſors of any of the ſaid Statutes, Laws, and Ordinances, having no regard to the perſon ſo tranſgreſſing, for affection, meed, dread, or any other cauſe whatſoever, So God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Lieutenant of* Newenham *Bridge, as it was ordained by Parliament, in* Anno 27. Hen. 8.

THe ſaid Lieutenant ſhall take like Oath as is Ordained before for the Lieutenant of *Ruisbank.*

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The Oath *of the under Marſhal of* Calice, *as it was ordained by Parliament, in* Anno 27. Hen. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be Faithful and true to our Soveraign Lord King Henry VIII. By the Grace of God King of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth Supream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs; and if you ſhall know any thing that ſhall be prejudicial or hurtful to his Highneſs or his Heirs, or unto his Town of *Calice*, or Marches of the ſame, ye ſhall reſiſt the ſame to the uttermoſt of your power; and in caſe ye cannot, ye ſhall without delay declare the ſame to his Highneſs, or to ſuch of his Counſel as ye think will ſhew it unto him; Ye ſhall be obedient to the Kings Deputy for the time being, in all things to be done, that toucheth the ſafeguard, defence, and good Governance of the ſaid Town of *Calice*, and Marches of the ſame; ye ſhall give, as it ſhall need, from time to time, your true, faithful, and diligent counſel to the Kings Deputy for the time being, and to the Kings Council, and Officers of the ſame Town and Marches, and them aid and aſſiſt to the uttermoſt of your power; Ye ſhall truly ſet, and cauſe to be ſet the ſtand-Watch, nightly on the Walls of the ſaid Town at the Caſtle hill, and ſhall ſuffer no perſon or perſons to keep

keep and furniſh the ſaid ſtand-Watch, but ſuch perſon or perſons as ſhall be by you appointed, and ſworn according to the Oath for the ſame deviſed; and alſo take ſureties for his or their A-bearing in the Watch; And that ye neither preſent, nor do to be preſented, nor impriſoned, nor cauſe to be impriſoned, any manner of perſon or Watch-man, nor other whatſoever, without reaſonable and true cauſe; And if you find any perſons in Chance-medly, drawing any weapon, or ſmiting, that ye do lead, or cauſe to be lead, him or them to Priſon without any let; And that ye preſent, or do to be preſented, every fault that belongeth to your Office to be preſented duely and truly; and that ye take not, or cauſe to be taken, any other fees of any perſon or perſons then of right and of reaſon have been uſed, and of old time accuſtomed, belonging to your Office; And alſo you ſhall not hold with no party againſt other nor none ſuſtain; but ye ſhall be true Referender of all that belongeth to your Office of under Marſhal, and ye ſhall nightly be in the Market-place to take the Report of the Typped-ſtaves of the furniſhing of the Watches in the Eaſt and Weſt Houſes, on the Walls, and ſhall certifie the ſame Report unto the **Kings** Deputy immediately. And all other things do that appertain to your ſaid Office of under-Marſhal, during the time you ſhall continue in your ſaid Office. So help you God, *&c.*

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The Oath *of them that be or ſhall be made of the Kings Counſel of the Town and Marches of* Calice, *as it was ordained by Parliament in* Anno 27. **Hen.** 8.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye ſhall be good, true, and faithful unto our Soveraign Lord King **Henry** the 8. by the Grace of God, **King** of *England*, and of *France*, Defender of the Faith, Lord of *Ireland*, and in Earth ſupream head of the Church of *England*, and to his Heirs, and ye ſhall be ready with good attendance to come to the place of Council holden for the **King**, where it ſhall be aſſigned and appointed by the Deputy of his Town, and Marches of *Calice* for the time being, and not abſent you there from without reaſonable cauſe of excuſation, and that in all matters, cauſes, and queſtions that by the ſaid Counſel be, or ſhall be opened moved, ſtirred, or asked, you ſhall ſay and utter your good advice, and opinion, clearly after your diſcretion and underſtanding, ſhewing, and giving in concluſion your true and faithful counſel, not letting for favour, affection, love, affinity, hatred, wrath had, or born to any party, or for corruptions of any goods, or other things whatſoever it be; And that all manner Languages, Reaſons, Concluſions had, moved, or uttered in the ſaid Council ye ſhall effectually keep them ſecretly, and not diſcover them in no wiſe in other form

form or manner then by the ſame Counſel ſhall be ordained, deviſed, and accorded; and whereas you can deviſe, think, or purpoſe any thing, form, or rule that might be evident to turn to the honour, weal, and commodity of the King our Soveraign Lord, or to the good governance of this Town and Marches, ye ſhall at all times ſhew, and move it to the Counſel, to the intent that it may be ordained and executed. Theſe things aboveſaid, and every of them with all their circumſtances and dependances ye ſhall duly exerciſe, uſe, keep, and do from time to time, during your abiding in the ſaid Counſel, with all the ſpirits of your good mind. So help you God, and the Holydome, and by this Book.

The Oath *given to a Knight of the* Bath *at the time of his Creation.*

GReat Worſhip be this noble Order unto you, and Almighty God give you Grace well to keep it; you ſhall be ſtrong in the Faith of Holy Church, you ſhall releive as right requireth, Widows, Maids, and Orphans; you ſhall love and dread God above all things, you ſhall love the King your Soveraign Lord, and him and his right defend to your power; you ſhall ſuffer no Extortion as far forth as you may, nor ſit in any place where wrongful Judgement ſhall be given to your knowledge; and as great honour be this noble Order unto

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to you, as it was to any of your Kin or Progenitors before you, or any others,

The Oath *of the Captains and Souldiers ſerving the Eſtates of* Zealand.

WE ſwear and promiſe, To be faithful to the Queens Majeſty of *England*, our Soveraign, and to the General united Provinces of the Low Countries, eſpecially to the Eſtates of this Province of *Zealand*, to the end to keep this Town of *Fluſhing*, with the Forts belonging to the ſame for the aſſurance of her Majeſty, the profit of the ſaid Eſtates, and the maintenance of the true Chriſtian Religion, as it is at this preſent exerciſed as well in *England* as in the Town and Country of *Zealand*, and to yeild all due obedience to our Governour chief, and Captains. So God us help.

The Oath *and Homage made by* James *the King of* Scots, *unto King* Henry 6. *in the ſecond year of his Reign over* England.

I James Stewart King of *Scots*, ſhall be true and faithful unto you Lord Henry, by the grace of God King of *England* and *France*, the noble and Superiour Lord of the King of *Scotland*, which I hold and claim to hold of you; and I ſhall bear you my faith and fidelity of life and

and limb, and worldly honour, againſt all men; and faithfully I ſhall knowledge, and ſhall do to you ſervice due to the Kingdom of *Scotland* So God help me, and theſe holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of a Tenant that doth Atturn to the Lord of a Mannour.*

YOu ſhall become true and lawful Tenant, and true faith bear to the Lord of this Mannor, for ſuch Lands as you hold of the ſame Lordſhip, and do ſuch Cuſtoms and Services, as of right ye ought to do, ſaving the faith that you bear to any other Lands. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath *uſed in a Court Baron, to ſwear any to the Queens Highneſs.*

YOu ſhall be true Liegeman, and true faith bear to our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth Queen** of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, and to her Heirs and Succeſſors; You ſhall be no Thief, nor Thiefs Feir, but if you know of any, you ſhall do the **Queens Majeſties** Juſtices to weet of them, as ſoon as you can; and you ſhall live by ſuch good and true occupation as God lent you, uprightly and truly, ſo far as God will give you grace. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

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The Oath *that is to be given to any Jury, before Evidence given in againſt a priſoner at the Bar,*

YOu ſhall true Deliverance make between our Soveraign Lord the **King**, and the Priſoner at the Bar as you ſhall have in charge, according to your Evidence, as neer as God ſhall give you grace. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or, more moderne, thus

YOu ſhall well and truly try, and true deliverance make between our Soveraign Lord the **King** and the Priſoners at the Bar, whom you ſhall have in charge according to your Evidence. So help you God.

The Oath *given to a Bayliffe, or Serjeant that attendeth on any Jury or Inqueſt at an Aſſize.*

YOu ſhall well and truly keep this Inqueſt from meat and drink, fire and candle; you ſhall not ſuffer any man to ſpeak with them, neither ſhall you your ſelf ſpeak with them, more than to ask them, If they be agreed, until ſuch time as they be agreed. So help you

you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or, thus

YOu ſhall well and truly keep every perſon ſworn of this Inqueſt, together in ſome private and Convenient Room, without meat, drink, candle, or lodging, and you ſhall not ſuffer any perſon whatſoever, to ſpeak to them, or any of them, neither ſhall you your ſelf ſpeak to them, until ſuch time as they have delivered up their Verdict, unleſs it be to ask them whether they be agreed of their Verdict. So help you God.

The Oath *for Evidence upon the Arraignment of the Priſoner at the Bar.*

THe Evidence th at youſhall give to this Inqueſt againſt the Priſoner at the Bar, ſhall be the truth, and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth as neer as God ſhall give you grace. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or, thus

THe Evidence that you and every of you ſhall give to this Inqueſt againſt *I. S.* priſoner at Bar, ſhall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help you God.

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The Oath *to be given to any Jury, by whom a* Niſi prius *is to be tried.*

YOu ſhall truly try this Suit of *Niſi prius* between party and party, according to the Evidence as ſhall be given you in Court, as neer as God ſhall give you grace. So help you God and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath *to be given to ſuch as are to give Evidence between party and party, at an* Niſi prius.

THe Evidence that you ſhall give to this Inqueſt concerning the matter in variance, ſhall be the truth and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, ſo near as God ſhall give you grace. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

The ſame Oath that your Foreman hath ſworn you of your part ſhall well and truly keep. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the great Inqueſt,*

YE ſhall truly enquire, and due preſentment make of all ſuch things as you are charged withall on the **Queens** behalf, the **Queens**

Council, your own, and your fellows, you ſhall well and truly keep; And in all other things the truth preſent. So help you God, and by the Contents of this Book.

Or more modern, thus

YOu as Fore man of this Inqueſt for the body of this County of *L.* ſhall diligently enquire and true preſentment make of all ſuch matters and things as ſhall be given you in Charge the Kings Majeſties Counſel, your fellows and your own, you ſhall keep Secret, you ſhall preſent no man for Envy, Hatred, or Malice, neither ſhall ye leave any man unpreſented for love fear, favour or affection, or hope of reward, but you ſhall preſent things truly as they come to your knowledge according to the beſt of your underſtanding. So help you God.

The Oath *of thoſe that give Evidence upon Bills of Indictment.*

THe Evidence that you ſhall give to the Inqueſt, upon this Bill ſhall be the truth, and the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, And you ſhall not let ſo to do for malice, hatred, or evil will, nor for meed, dread, favour or affection. So help you God, and the holy Contents of this Book.

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THe Evidence which you ſhall give to the grand Inqueſt againſt *I. S.* upon this Bill, ſhall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help you God.

The Oath *of ſuch as are to be bailed upon ſuſpition for Felony or Murther.*

I A. B. ſhall from henceforth during all my life, be true Leigeman, and true faith bear unto our Soveraign Lady **Elizabeth**, and to her Heirs and Succeſſors **Kings** and **Queens** of this Realm; and ſhall commit no Murther, Treaſon, or Miſpriſion of Treaſon, nor conſent or agree to any ſuch Offence, nor ſhall know any peril or damage to his Grace, or to the Realm, or other Dominions aforeſaid, but ſhall reveal and diſcloſe it with all ſpeed unto ſuch as have the Laws in Government; nor ſhall commit any Felony or Murder, or be acceſſary to any ſuch Offence or Offences; but ſhall live a good and an obedient Subject during my life. So help me God, and the Contents of this Book.

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The Oath *of the Approver banished.*

HOc *Audis tu Coronator quod Ego,* A A. *ſum Latronius equi vel Alterius Rei, vel Homicidia unius per homines vel Plurimorum & fel. Dom. Regis* H. *& quia multa Mala, & Latricinia, Per-petram in hac Terra Abjura Regnum* H. *Regis Anglia, & debeo me feſtinare verſus portum de &c. quem dediſſe mihi, & quod non debeo devertere ab altu via, & ſi faciam volo quod ſivi captus ſicut latro & fel. Dom. Regis, ut quod apud &c. queram diligenter Tranſitum meum, & non expectabo ibi, viſi fluxum, & refluxum maris unum ſi tranſitus haberi poterit, & viſi Tanto Spatio abire potero, ibo quolibet die in mare uſq; ad genua tentane tranſire, & viſi hoc potero infra,* 40. *dies continues, mittum me iterum in eccleſium ſicut latero & fel. Dom. Regis, ſic me Deus adjuvet, ſecundum judicium.*

The Oath *which* Philip Duke *of* Burgony *took, accknowledging, and promiſing to obey* King Hy. 5. *as the right Inheritor of the Kingdom of* France, *after* Charles *the firſt* Kings *Death.*

I Philip, *Duke* of *Burgoyn,* For me and my Heirs, ſwear and make Oath upon theſe holy Evangeliſts, to Henry of *England,* and Heir Apparant and Regent of *France,* by the Soveraign Lord King Charles, that meekly and faithfully

faithfully I ſhall obey the ſame **King Henry**, in all things that appertain to the **King** of *France*, as to the Common-weal of the ſame Realm; and immediately after the death of the ſaid **King Charles**, our Soveraign Lord, we ſhall be true and faithful Leigs, to the ſaid **King Henry**, his Heirs and Succeſſors; and furthermore, we ſhall not be of Council, nor give our conſent to no things that may be to the prejudice of the ſame **King H.** his Heirs, and Succeſſors wherein they may ſuffer any derogation or detriment of their bodies, of their Members, Poſſeſſions, or Honours; And if we know of any conſpiracy againſt him, his Heirs, or Succeſſors in all the haſte to us poſſible, either by our Letters, or elſe by our Truſty Meſſengers to declare, that they may the better provide to eſchew the perils thereof.

When the *Dukes* Oath was thus finiſhed, as many as were preſent there, both of the **Kings** Council, and alſo of the Parliaments, Biſhops, Lords, Knights, and Commons, made the ſame Oath to the **King**, and 23. and 24. days of the ſame month of May the Chancellor of *France*, and many other Lords, Biſhops, Prelates and Noblemen of the Realm gave the like Oath to *King* **H.**

The Oath *of the Chancellor of* England.

YE ſhall ſwear, That well, and truly, ye ſhall ſerve our Soveraign Lord the **King** and his People, in the Office of Chancellor, and ye ſhall do Right to all manner of People, Poor and Rich, after the Laws and Uſages of this Realm, and truly ye ſhall counſel the **King**, and his counſel ye ſhall lain and keep, and ye ſhall not know nor ſuffer the hurt nor diſheriting of the **King**, nor that the Rights of the Crown, be diſtreſſed; by any means, as far forth as you may let; And if ye may not let it, ye ſhall make it clearly and eypreſly known to the **King**, with your true advice and counſel; And that ye ſhall do, and purchaſe the **Kings** profit, in all that ye may, as God help you and the holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of the Treaſurer of the Exchequer*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well, and truly, ye ſhall ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and his People in the Office of Treaſurer, And ye ſhall do Right to all manner of People, Poor, and Rich, of ſuch things as toucheth your Office; And that **Kings** Treaſure truly ye ſhal kep and diſpend; And truly ye ſhall counſail the **King**, and his counſel ye ſhall layn, and keep; and that ye ſhall neither know nor ſuffer the

the **Kings** hurt, nor his diſ-heriting nor that the Rights of his Crown be diſtreſſed by any means, as far forth as ye may let; And if ye may not let it, ye ſhall make knowledge there of clearly and expreſly, to the **King**, with your true advice, and counſel: And ye ſhall do, and ptrchaſe the **Kings** profit in all that ye may reaſonably do, as God you help, and the holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of the Barons of the Exchequer.*

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King**, in the Office of Baron of his Exchequer; And that truly ye ſhall charge, and diſcharge all people that have Accompt before you; and that ye ſhall do Right to all manner of People, as **well to Poor** as to Rich. And that for Highneſs, nor for Riches, nor for harted, nor for the eſtate of amarner of perſon, nor any good deed, gift, nor promiſe of any perſon, the which is made to you or may be made to you, nor by crafts nor by Engines, the **Kings** Right, nor none other perſons ye ſhall diſturbe, let, nor reſpite againſt the Laws of the Land, nor the **Kings** Debts, ye ſhall put in reſpite where that they may goodly be leavied; And that the **Kings** needs ye ſhall ſpeed before all other, And that neither for gift, wages, nor good deed, ye ſhall lain, diſturb, nor let the Profit, and the advantage of the **King**, in advantage of any other

perſon, nor of your ſelf; And that no thing ye ſhall take of any perſon, for to do wrong, or Right to delay of, for to deliver, or delay the people, the which that have to do before you; But as haſtily as ye may them goodly to deliver without hurt to the **King**; And having no reward to any profit that might thereof to you be made, then ye ſhall make to the delivered. And that whereas ye may know any wrong or prejudice to be done to the **King**, ye ſhall put and do all your power and diligence, that to redreſs, and if ye may not do it ye ſhall tell it to the **King**, or to them of his Council, the which may make relation to the **King**, if ye may not come to him; And the **Kings** Counſel ye ſhall keep, and layn in all things; As God you help, and all his Saints.

The Oath *of a Judge, endorſo claus de Anno* 20. Edw. 3. Par. prima.

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve our Soveraign Lord, the **King** and his People in the Office of Juſtice; And that ye ſhall counſel, our Soveraign Lord the **King** in his needs; And that ye ſhall not give any counſel, or aſſent to any thing, the which might turn to hurt or diſheriting of the **King** by any way or colour, and that ye ſhall not know any hurt or diſheriting of the **King**, but that ye ſhall make it to him known by you or by ſome other perſon, and that ye ſhall

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do equal Law and Execution of Right, to all the **King's** Subjects Rich and Poor, without having regard to any perſon: And that ye ſhall not take by you, or by any other privily, ne apart any gift, or reward of Gold, or of Silver, nor of any other thing, the which might turn you to profit. But if it be meat or drink, and that of little value, of any man, that ſhall have any Plea or Proceſs hanging before you, as long as before your ſelf two Pleas and Proceſs ſhall be hanging, nor after for that cauſe; And that ye ſhall take no Fees, as long as ye be Juſtice, nor Robe of any Perſon, Great or Small in any caſe, but of the **King** himſelf; And that ye ſhall not give any Counſel, or advice to any perſon great or ſmall in any caſe, where the **King** is party; and in caſe that any perſons in what eſtate that they be of, come before you in Seſſions with force and Arms, or otherwiſe, againſt the Peace, or againſt the form of the Statute hereof made for, to diſturb the Execution of the Common Law, or for to Menace the people, that may not do the Law; That ye ſhall do, Arreſt their Bodies, and put them in priſon; and in caſe they be ſuch as ye may not Arreſt, that ye ſhall certifie the **King** of their Names, and of their miſdoing haſtily, to that End that ye may thereof Ordain remedy; And that ye ſhall not maintain by your ſelf, nor by none other privily nor openly, any Plea or Quarrel, hanging in the **King's** Courts, or elſewhere in the Country; And that ye ſhall not delay any

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person of Common Right, for the Letters of the King, or of any other person, nor for any other cause; And in case that any Letters come to you contrary to the Law, that ye shall nothing do for such Letters, but ye thereof shall certifie the King; And ye shall proceed to do the Law, the same Letters notwithstanding, and that ye shall do, and procure the Profit of the King and his Crown, in all things where ye them reasonable may do: And in case that ye be found in default hereafter, in any of the points aforesaid, ye shall be at the Kings will of Bodies, Lands and of Honour, to do thereof that that shall please the King.

The Oath *of a Justice for Works, Weights, and Measure.*

YE shall swear, That in your Office of Justice, of Labors, and of Weights, and Measures, ye shall do equal Right to the Poor as to the Rich, after your cunning, Wit and Power, and after the form of Statutes thereof made, and the Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments, the which shall be made and to be made before you ye shall do truly enter without any concealment or embezling, and truly send into the Exchequer; And that ye shall not leave for gift, nor for other cause, but that well and truly ye shall do your Office of Justice in that behalf; And also ye shall Swear, that in your Office of Justice of Peace, and Labours,

bours, and of all other Articles contained in the **Kings** Commiſſion to you directed; Ye ſhall do equal Right to the Poor, and to the Rich, after your cunning and power, and after the Laws and Cuſtoms of the Realm, and the Statutes thereof made, and the Iſſues, Fines, and Amerciaments, the which ſhall be made, or happen to be made, and all forfeitures the which ſhall fall afore you, ye ſhall make truly to be entred, without any concealment, imbezling; and truly them to ſend into the Exchequer: And ye ſhall not let for gift, nor for other cauſe, but that well and truly, ye ſhall do your Office of Juſtice on your behalf; And that ye take nothing for your Office of Juſtice of Peace to do, but of the **King**, and Fees accuſtomed; And that ye ſhall not make, or deliver any Warrants to the Parties, but ye ſhall them deliver to the Bayliffs of the County, or to other of the **Kings** Officers or Miniſters of the ſame to do Execution. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of a Sheriff.*

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve, the **King** in the Office of the Sheriff of *Bedford* and *Berks*, and do the **Kings** profit in all things that belongeth to you to do by way of our Office, as far forth as ye can or may; ye ſhall truly keep the **Kings** Rights, and all that belongeth to the Crown; ye ſhall not

not aſſent to Decrees, or Paſſing, or to Concealment of the **Kings** Rights, or of his Franchiſes; And wherever ye ſhall have knowledge that the **Kings** Rights, or the Rights of the Crown been concealed or withdrawn, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, or any other things, ye ſhall do your true power to make them be reſtored to the **King** again; And if ye may not do it, ye ſhall certifie the **King** or ſome of his Council thereof, ſuch as ye hold for certain will ſay it to the **King**; ye ſhall not reſpite the **Kings** Debts for any gift or favour, where ye may raiſe them without great grievance of the Debtors; Ye ſhall truly and righteouſly treat the People of your Sheriffwick, and do right as well to the Poor as Rich in all that belongeth to your Office; ye ſhall do no wrong to any man, for any gift or good beheſt, or promiſe of good, nor favour, nor hate; ye ſhall diſturb no mans right; ye ſhall truly acquit at the Exchequer all thoſe of whom ye ſhall any thing receive of the **Kings** Debts; ye ſhall nothing take whereby the **King** may leeſe, or whereby that Right may be diſturbed, letted, or the **Kings** Debts delayed; Ye ſhall truly return and truly ſerve all the **Kings** Writs, as far forth as it ſhall be in your cunning; Ye ſhall none have to be your under Sheriff, or any your Sheriffs Clerks, of the laſt year paſſed; Ye ſhall take no Bayliffe into your Service, but ſuch as ye will anſwer for; Ye ſhall make each of your Bayliffs to make ſuch Oath as ye make your ſelf, in that that belong-

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eth to their Occupation; Ye ſhall receive no Writ by you or any of yours unſealed, or any ſealed, under the Seal of any Juſtice, ſave of Juſtice of *Eyre*, or Juſtice Aſſigned in the ſame Shire where ye be Sheriff in, or other Juſtices having power and Authority to make any Writ unto you by the Law of the Land, or of the Juſtice of *Newgate*; you ſhall make your Bayliffs of the true and ſufficient men in the Country: * Alſo ye ſhall do all your pain and diligence to deſtroy and make to ceaſe all manner of Hereſie and Errors, commonly called Lollardries, within your Baylywick, from time to time, to all your power, and aſſiſt and be helping to all the Ordinaries and Commiſſaries of Holy Church, and favour and maintain them as oft times as ye ſhall be required by the ſaid Ordinaries and Commiſſaries; ye ſhall be dwelling in your proper perſon within your Baylywick, for the time ye ſhall be in the ſame Office; ye ſhall not let your Sheriffwick, or any Baywick thereof, to farm to any man; Ye ſhall truly ſet and return reaſonable and due Iſſues of them that be within your Bayliffwick after their Eſtates and Honour, and make your Panels your ſelf; And over this, in eſchewing and reſtraint of the Manſlaughters, Robberies, and other manifold grievous Offences that hath been done daily, namely by ſuch as name themſelves Souldiers, and by other Vagarants, the which

* *Le reſidue del ſerviement que hic ſequitur fuit inſert depuiſne temps come appeirt per le Regiſt.* f. 301.

continually increaſe in number, and multiply, ſo that the Kings true Subjects may neither ride nor go to do ſuch things as they have to do, to their intollerable hurt and hindering; ye ſhall truely and effectually with all diligence poſſible to you, execute the Statutes, the which ye ſhall have knowledge of. Theſe things all ye ſhall truly keep, as God you help, you and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Sheriff of* Oxon *and* Berks, Cambridge *and* Huntington.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King in the Office of Sheriff of *Oxon* and *Berks*, and the Kings profit, *&c. ut ſupra uſq; ibi.* So God help you and his Saints, *Et tunc ſic*; And alſo ye ſhall ſwear, That the Maſters and the Schollers of the Univerſity of *Oxon*, and their ſervants, from injuries and violences, ye ſhall keep and defend by all your ſtrength and prower; and the Peace in the ſaid Univerſity, as much as is in you is, ye ſhall do keep; And that ye ſhall give your counſel, and help to the Chancellor, and Schollers of the ſame Univerſity, for to puniſh the Diſturbers and Breakers of the Peace there, after the Priviledges and Statutes of the ſaid Univerſity at all times when it ſhall be needfull; And alſo ye ſhall put your help with all your

your ſtrength to defend the priviledges, liberties, and cuſtoms of the ſaid Univerſity: And that ye ſhall receive all ſuch Oaths of your Under-Sheriffs, and other your ſaid Miniſters of your ſaid County of *Oxon*, as ſoon and anon as ye ſhall be at the Caſtle, or at the Town of *Oxon*, in preſence of any that ſhall be thereto deputed by the ſaid Univerſity; to the which things, the **King** will that your ſaid Miniſters, be by you Arted, and compelled, As God you help and all his Saints: *Conſimile ſacrum fac. Vic. Cant. & Hunt.*

The Oath *of an Eſcheator.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve the **King** well and truly in the Office of Eſcheator, in the Counties of *Bed.* and *Bucks*, and do the **Kings** profit, in all things that belongeth to you to do, by way of your Office, after your wit and power, his Rights and all that belongeth to the Crown ye ſhall truly keep; Ye ſhall not aſſent to Decrees, ne to concealment of the **Kings** Rights, ne of the Franchizes; And whereſoever ye have knowledg of the **Kings** Rights, or his Crown, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, be in any wiſe concealed, or withdrawn, ye ſhall do your pain and diligence to withſtand it, and to make it be reſtored, and repaired; and if ye may not, ye ſhall ſay it unto the **King**, or ſuch of his Coun-

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cil, the which ye ſhall know for certain will ſay it unto the **King**; Ye ſhall truly, and righteouſly Treat the people of your Bailiffwick, and do Right to every man, as well to Poor as to Rich, in that that belongeth to you to do; Ye ſhall do no wrong to any man, neither for promiſe, love, nor hate, nor no mans Right diſturb; Ye ſhall nothing do, whereby the **King** may loſe, or whereby that Right may be diſturbed, letted, or delayed; Ye ſhall truly and right wiſely return, and ſerve the **Kings** Writs; Ye ſhall in your proper perſon make, or do to be made the extents of Lands and other Revenues, after their very value, and duly charge the Queſts that be returned before you and receive the Verdicts, and return them as often as they been taken by you, and that within a month; Ye ſhall take no Bailiff into your ſervice, but ſuch as ye will anſwer for; Ye ſhall make your Bailiff to make ſuch Oath as it belongeth to you to give him; Ye ſhall truly, and right wiſely yield Accompts at the **Kings** Exchequer, of all the Iſſues of your ſaid Bailiffwick; Ye ſhall take your Inqueſts in open places, and not privy, and that by Indenture, after the effect of the Statute made thereof, As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Comptroller of the Cuſtoms.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King** in the Office of Comp-

troller of the **King's** Cuſtoms and Subſidies, in the place of Cuſtomer, and truly ye ſhall enter all the Goods and things Cuſtomable the which ſhall come to the ſaid Port, or ſhall paſs from the ſame; And that ye ſhall no gift take for to do your Office, nor for any thing that may fall in diſadvantage of the **King**, nor any Merchandize, nor any other thing Cuſtomable, ye ſhall not ſuffer to paſs out of the ſaid Port, without cuſtom due be paid; And ye ſhall do the Office your ſelf, and dwell thereupon in your proper perſon, without making any Subſtitute, or Deputy under you; And ye ſhall write the Rolls with your own hands, and the **Kings** profit ye ſhall await, and do, in as much as ye may after your knowledg and power. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of a Tronator.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King** in the Office of Tronator, in the City of *London*, and truly ye ſhall weigh and poyſe the Wool that ſhall come thither, and ye ſhall not ſuffer any Wool to paſs but by certain weight and poyſe, ordained ſo that neither more nor leſs be put in the weight, and poyſe, but all only the certainty: And that all the Wool the which ſhall come, ye ſhall do to be weighed, and poyſed out, that for gift nor favour of any perſon, ye ſhall not ſuffer any Wool to paſs before that be entirely weighed

and poysed, and ye shall dwell and abide, upon your Office in your proper person, without making of any Substitute or Deputy under you, And ye shall wait and do the **Kings** profit, and Advantage all that ye may. As God you help and his Saints.

The Oath *of Custom.*

YE **shall swear,** That ye shall make continual abiding in the Port of *London*, and shall oversee the charge of Wool, Leather, and Woolfell, and all other Merchandizes, and things Customable, and the number of Sacks in the said Port, and in as much as in you is, ye shall not suffer that the **King** have hurt or loss there; and that true accompt thereof ye shall yield; and of the Issues of the said Customs, truly ye shall answer, without Fauxim or Fraud, to be done in any point, As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of a Justice to hear and determine.*

YE **shall swear,** That ye well and truly shall serve the King as Justice, to hear and determine the wrongs and grievances done to the King and his People, after the form of the Commission to you and to other your fellows thereof made; And shall keep and lean the King's

Kings Council and Right to your power; Ye ſhall do to all People, as well to the poor as to the rich: And that ye ſhall take no gift of any perſon to do wrong, nor right to delay, and that for Highneſs, nor for Riches, nor for hatred, nor for the Eſtate of any perſon, nor for any good deed, gift or promiſe, the which is made to you of any perſon, or may be made to you, nor by craft or maligning Right ye ſhall not diſturb, nor reſpite againſt Reaſon, and againſt the Laws of the Land; but without regard of any Eſtate or Perſon truly ye ſhall do right to all People, after the Laws aforeſaid. So God ye help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of a Juſtice in Eyre.*

YE **Juſtice in Eyre ſhall ſwear**, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King in the Office of Juſtice, and ſhall do Right to your power, to all People, as well to poor as to rich; and that for Highneſs, nor for Riches, nor for hatred, nor for the Eſtate of any perſon, nor for good deed, gift, nor promiſe of any perſon that is made to you, or may be made to you, neither by craft, nor by maligny, the right of any perſon ye ſhall not diſturb nor reſpite, againſt reaſon, nor againſt the Laws of the Land; but without having of regard of any Eſtate or Perſon, truly ye ſhall do Right to every perſon after the Laws and Cuſtoms of the

Land; and that ye ſhall nothing take of any perſon for to do wrong, or right to delay. So God ye help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Statutes.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King in the Office of Clerk of the Statutes, in the Town of *B.* and that ye ſhall be dwelling and abiding upon the ſame Office in proper perſon, without making any Subſtitute or Deputy: And truly ye ſhall enter the Recognizances the which ſhall be made afore you, and them that keep the greater party of the Seal, ordained for ſuch Recognizances to be taken in the ſaid Town: And that ye ſhall not receive, nor take any Recognizance without the preſence aforeſaid, that for to do, be deputed and ordained, and that no manner of Recognizances, the which be not taken by you, and them, together as it is aforeſaid; And ye ſhall not enter them, nor make them to be entered, and that all manner of Recognizances ſo before you, and them made, ye ſhall write and enroll with your own Hand, As God help you, and his Saints.

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The Oath *of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King**, in the Office of Chancellor of the Exchequer, and well and truly ye ſhall do all that pertaineth and belongeth to the ſame Office; and the **Kings** Buſineſs and needs ye ſhall ſpeed afore all others; and that no Writ of Judgment of any other Place, but of the Exchequer it ſelf, ye ſhall not enſeal with the Seal of the Exchequer, as long as the Chancery ſhall be twenty miles where the Exchequer doth abide.

The Oath *of Fealty.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be faithful and true, and faith and truth bear unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and to his Heirs, **Kings** of *England*, and truly ye ſhall do, and truly knowledg the ſervices due of the Lands, the which ye claim to hold of him, as in the Right of your Wife, and in the which the **King** to you doth yield. As God help you, and all his Saints.

The Oath *of the Steward of* Gaſcoygne.

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall with all your Wit, and withal your power, ye ſhall keep the Office of the Stewardſhip, of the Dutchy of *Guyan*; And ye ſhall do right to all People, in that that to you appertaineth and belongeth; And the Towns Caſtles, Fortlots, and the Lands, and Tenements, of the King our Soveraign Lord in that Dutchy ye ſhall keep to the uſe of him and his Heirs; And ye ſhall not deliver them to any perſon, but to him or to his Heirs, or to the which ſhall bring you his Letters Patents, and his Honour, his Eſtate, his Rights, and his Seignory ye ſhall keep, and maintain to all your power; and if any thing of his Rights, in what things ſoever it be, be withdrawn or concealed, ye ſhall put to your true pain and deavour, that to repeal and retain in due and right eſtate; and if ye may not that do; ye ſhall do it to be known to the King. So God ye help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Alneger.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King and his People, in the Office of Subſtitute Lannyour of the King; And that for favour nor for hatred, ye ſhall not let;

let; But that ye ſhall meet the Clothes, the which attain and belong to your Office to meet truly, and them enſeal with the Seal of your Office; and that truly ye ſhall anſwer to the **King** of the forfeitures of the Clothes, after the form contained in the Statute thereof late made; And that ye ſhall not tarry nor delay the people, in that that appertaineth and belongeth to your Office; And that ye ſhall uſe your ſaid Office without Fraud, Extortion, or Outrage, to be done to the people. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Major of the Staple, and Conſtable of the ſame Staple.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King** and his people in the Office of Major, of the Staple of *Weſtminſter*, to the which ye be choſen, and truly ye ſhall Treat the Merchants of the ſame Staple, and equal Right ye ſhall do to all people, as well to Strangers as others after the Ordinances thereof made, and the Law Merchant. As God you help, and his Saints.

Like Oath ſhall make the Conſtable of the ſame Staple, of that that appertaineth to their Office.

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The Oath *of the Portage of the Chancery.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King in the Office of Portage of the Chancery, and that ye ſhall be continually abiding upon the ſaid Office, and no time ye ſhall abſent you, without eſpecial leave of the Chancellor, or of the Keeper of the Rolls, and that for good and juſt cauſe, and that ye ſhall not carry nor bear, nor ſuffer the Rolls to be carried or born to any place, but unto the place, to the ſame Ordained and Deputed; and that ye ſhall not ſhew them to any Perſon, but by the Commandment of the ſaid Keeper of the Rolls, privily or openly, and that ye ſhall not aſſent that any fraud or deceit, the which may be done to the ſaid Rolls, as by taking of Coppie, or by the ſight, to have of the ſaid Rolls privily, nor in none other manner; and of Fraud, or untruth, that ye may know to be done in the ſaid Rolls, or any thing that appertaineth to your keeping of the ſaid Rolls, ye ſhall tell to the ſaid Keeper of the Rolls, without any concealment to do ſo. So God ye help, and all Saints.

The Oath *of a Biſhops Renuntiations of a Popes Bull.*

I Renounce all the words comprized in the Popes Bull, made unto me of the Biſhopprick of B. the which be contrary and prejudicial to the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and to his Crown; and of that I put my humblement in his Grace, praying to have reſtitution of my Temporalities of my Church of B.

The Oath *of a Biſhops Fidelity.*

ALſo I ſhall be faitful, and true, and faith and truth ſhall bear the **King** our Soveraign Lord, and to his Heirs **Kings** of *England*, of Life and Limb, and of Earthly worſhip for to Live and Dye againſt all the people; And diligently, I ſhall be intendant unto the **Kings** Needs and Buſineſs after my wit and power, and the **Kings** Counſel I ſhall keep and lain, and truly I ſhall knowledg and do the ſervices due of the Temporalities of my Biſhopprick of B. The which I claim to hold of my ſaid Soveraign Lord the **King**; And the which he giveth and yieldeth me, and to him and to his Commandments, in that that to me attaineth and belongeth for my Temporalities, I ſhall be obeyſant. As God me help, and his Saints.

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The Oath *of the* Kings *Serjeant at Law.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King and his people, as one of his Serjeants of the Law, and truly counſel the King in his matters, when he ſhall be called, and duly and truly Adminiſter the Kings matters, after the courſe of the Law, after your cunning; ye ſhall take no wages, nor Fee of any man, for any matter where the King is party; againſt the King, ye ſhall as duly and haſtily ſpeed ſuch matters, as any man ſhall have to do againſt the King in the Law, as ye may lawfully do, without delay or tarrying the party of his lawful Proceſs, in that that to you belongeth; ye ſhall be attendant to the Kings matters when ye ſhall be called thereunto. As God help you, and his Saints.

The Homage *of a Temporal Lord.*

I Become your Leigman of Life and Limb, and of Earthly Worſhip, and faith and troth, I ſhall bear unto you, for to live and dye, againſt all manner of Folk. So God me help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of a Searcher in the Cuſtome Houſe.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve the the King well and truly in the Office of the Searcher-ſhip in the Port of N. and do the Kings profits in all things that longeth to you, to do by way of your Office, and well and truly ye ſhall make due ſearch of all the Ships and Veſſels, coming in or paſſing out of the ſaid Port, and truly anſwer the King of all that ſhall belong unto him, in your ſaid Office without Fraud or Malign, after your wit and power. As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath *of a Serjeant at Law.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the Kings People, as one of his Serjeants at Law, And ye ſhall truly counſel them, that ye ſhall be retained with after your cunning, and ye ſhall not defer, tract, nor delay their cauſes willingly for covetouſneſs of mony, or other thing that may turn you to profit, and ye ſhall give due attendance according. As God you help, and his Saints.

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The Oath *of the Maſter of the Rolls.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and lawfully ye ſhall ſerve the King our Soveraign Lord and his People, in the Office of Clerk or Maſter of the Rolls, to the which ye be called; Ye ſhall not aſſent, ne procure the diſ-inheritance, ne perpetual damage of the King, to your power; ne fraud ye ſhall do, nor cauſe to be made wrongfully, to any of his People, ne in any thing that toucheth the Seal; and lawfully ye conceal the things that toucheth the King, when ye ſhall be thereto required; And the Council that ye ſhall give touching him, ye ſhall not diſcloſe; And if ye know any thing of the diſ-inheritance, or damage of the King, or fraud to be made upon any thing that toucheth the keeping of the Seal, ye ſhall put your lawful power that to redreſs and amend; And if that ye cannot, ye ſhall adviſe the Chancellor or other, which may that amend, to your power. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *of the ſix Clerks in the Chancery.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King and his People in the Office of one of the ſix Clerks of Chancery whereunto ye be admitted, and well and juſtly order your ſelf in the ſame, according to your learn-

learning, and truly counſel them that ye ſhall be retained with; And ye ſhall be diligent to further the Kings buſineſs from time to time, as need ſhall require; And ye ſhall not aſſent to any fraud or deceit to be had or done by you, or any by your conſent, in any of the Kings Records, whereunto ye ſhall have recourſe; but well and truly ye ſhall entreat the ſame; And ye ſhall not abſent your ſelf willingly, whereby the Kings buſineſs or any other ſhall be undone or hindered, without ſpecial Licenſe of the Maſter of the Rolls, or his Deputy for the time being. As God you help, and his Saints.

The Oath *to maintain the Succeſſion of the Crown of* England.

YE ſhall ſwear, To bear faith, truth, and obedience all only to the Kings Majeſty, and to his Heirs of his body of his moſt dear and entirely beloved lawful Wife **Queen Ann**, begotten; And farther to the Heirs of our ſaid Soveraign Lord, according to the limitation in the Statute made for ſurety of his Succeſſion in the Crown of this Realm, mentioned and contained, and not to any other within this Realm, nor Forraign Authority or Potentate. And in caſe any Oath be made or hath been made by you to any perſon or perſons, that then you to repute the ſame as vain, and annihilated; And that your cunning wit, and uttermoſt of your

your power, without guile, fraud, or other undue mean; ye ſhall obſerve, keep maintain, and defend the ſaid Act of Succeſſion; and all the whole effects and Contents threof, and all other Acts and Statutes made in confirmation, or for due execution of the ſame, or of any thing therein contained; And this ye ſhall do againſt all manner of perſons of what Eſtate, Dignity, Degree, or Condition ſoever they be; And in no wiſe do or attempt, nor to your power ſuffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things privily or apartly, to be let, hinderance, damage or derogation thereof, or of any part of the ſame, by any manner of means, or for any manner of pretence. So help you God, all Saints, and the holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of a Clerk of the Petty Bag.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King and his People, as one of his Miniſters and Clerks in the Office of the Petty-bag, whereunto ye be admitted; and well and truly order your ſelf in the ſame, according to your learning; And ye ſhall be diligent to further the Kings buſineſs from time to time, as need ſhall require; And ye ſhall not aſſent to any fraud or deceipt to be had or done by you, or any by your conſent, in any of the Kings Records whereunto ye ſhall have recourſe; but well and truly ye ſhall entreat the ſame. As God you help, and his Saints.

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The Oath *of the Examiner in the Court of Chancery.*

Ye ſhall ſwear, Well and truly, after your cunning and learning, to excuſe and occupy the Office of one of the Examiners in the Kings Court of Chancery, whereunto you are admitted; And duly, Juſtly, and equally, ye ſhall examine their Cauſes that ſhall be committed unto you, without any favour or corruption of any perſon or perſons to be had, otherwiſe than ſhall of right appertain concerning the ſame; And ye ſhall be attendant as well to further the Kings buſineſs as the ſame Cauſes from time to time, as need ſhall require; And ye ſhall not publiſh, or ſhew the ſame Depoſitions to any perſon afore publication in the Court, without the Warrant of the ſame Court. As God you help and his Saints.

The Oath *which the Duke of* Bedford *and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal took in Parliament in* Anno 4. H. 6. Nov. 10. *for their ſincere arbitrating of the variance between the Duke of* Gloceſter *and the Biſhop of* Wincheſter, *Lord Chancellor of* England.

That my ſaid Lord of *Bedford* and my ſaid Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and each

each of them, ſhall, as far forth as his cunning, and diſcretion, ſufficient, truly, juſtly, and indifferently, counſel and adviſe the **King**, and alſo proceed and acquit himſelf in all the ſaid matters and Quarrels, withouten that they or any of them ſhall privily, or apart, make or ſhew himſelf, or be party or parcel therein, nought be leaving or ſchewing ſo to do, for affection, love, meed, or dread of any perſon or perſons; And that ye ſhall in all wiſe keep ſecret all that ſhall be communed by way of Counſel in the Matters and Quarrels abovesaid in the foreſaid Parliament, withouten that they or any of them ſhall by word, writing, or in any wiſe open it, or diſcover it to any of the ſaid parties, or to any other perſon that is nought of the ſaid Counſel, but if he have eſpecial Commandment thereto of the King, or of my ſaid Lord of *Bedford*; And that each of them ſhall with all might and power, by him and by his ſtrength, aid and aſſiſt by way of Counſel, and tell unto the King, or to my Lord of *Bedford*, and to the remnant of my ſaid Lords, to put the ſaid parties, to reaſon; and nought ſuffer that any of the ſaid parties by them or theirs, proceed or attempt by way of Feet, againſt the Kings Peace; nor help, aſſiſt, or comfort any of them thereto; but let them with all her might and power, and withſtand them, and aſſiſt unto the King and my ſaid Lord of *Bedford*, in keeping of the Kings Peace, and redreſſing of all ſuch matter of proceeding by way of Feet and Force.

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The Oath *which the Duke of* York, *and* Buckingham, *the two Archbiſhops.* 11. *Biſhops.* 6. *Earls. Two Viſcounts.* 18. *Abbots.* 2. *Priors.* 17. *Barons, took in Parliament, unto* **Hen.** 6. *in* Anno 33. Nov. 25. *for their Allegiance unto the ſaid* King.

I Promiſe unto your Highneſs, by the Faith and truth that I owe to God and you, that I ſhall true and faithfully keep the Leigeman that I owe unto you moſt Soveraign Lord, and to put me in my devoir to do all that may be to the welfare, honour, and ſafeguard of your moſt noble Perſon and Royal Eſtate, Preeminence and Prerogative, and I ſhall at no time, will, or conſent to that, that might in any wiſe ſound to the hurt, or prejudice of your ſaid moſt noble perſon, Dignity, Crown or Eſtate: And over that I ſhall with all my power reſiſt and withſtand all them, that will in any wiſe preſume to attempt the contrary. So God me help, and his Saints.

The Oath *which the Duke of* York *took for his Allegiance to* King **Hen.** *the* 6. *At the High Altar in St.* Pauls-*Church* London, *in preſence of the ſaid* King, *which is entered in the Parliament Roll,* Anno 38. **Hen.** 6. Nov. 9.

I **Richard** Duke of *York*, confeſs and know, That I am, and ought to be humble Subject and Liegeman, unto you my Soveraign Lord the King, **Hen.** 6. And ought therefore to bear you faith and truth, as to my Soveraign and Leige Lord; and ſo ſhall do all the days unto my lives end; and ſhall not at any time will, nor at any thing be attempted or done againſt your moſt Royal Perſon: But whenſoever, I ſhall have knowledg of any ſuch things imagined, or purpoſed, I ſhall with all the ſpeed and diligence poſſible to me, to make that your Highneſs ſhall have knowledg thereof, and ever do all that ſhall be poſſible to come to the withſtanding thereof, to the uttermoſt of my life: I ſhall not in no wiſe any thing take upon me againſt your Royal obeyſance, that is due thereto, nor ſuffer any other man to do, as far forth as it ſhall lye in my power to let it: And alſo I ſhall come at your Commandment, whenſoever I ſhall be called by the ſame, in all humble and obedient wiſe: But if I be letted by ſickneſs, or impotency of my perſon, or by ſuch other cauſes as ſhall be thought reaſonable

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to you my Soveraign Lord, I ſhall never hereafter take upon me to gather any Routs, or make any Aſſembly of your people, without your Commandment or Licenſe, or my lawful defence; In the interpretation of which my lawful defence and declaration thereof; I ſhall report me at all time unto your Highneſs, and if the caſe require, unto my Peers, nor any thing attempt by way of faith againſt any of your Subjects, of what Eſtate, Degree, or Condition they be; but whenſoever I ſhall be, or when I ſhall feel my ſelf wronged or grieved, I ſhall ſue humbly for remedy unto your Highneſs, as an humble and true Subject ought to have him to his Soveraign Lord; All theſe things aboveſaid I permit truly to obſerve, and keep by the holy Evangeliſts contained in this Book that I lay my hand upon, and by the holy Croſs that I here touch, and by the bleſſed Sacrament of our Lords body that I ſhall now with his mercy receive, and over this I agree me, and will, that if I at any time hereafter, as with the grace of our Lord I never ſhall any thing attempt by way of fact or otherwiſe againſt your Royal Eſtate, or obeyſance that ought thereto, or any thing I take upon me otherwiſe then is above expreſſed, I from that time forth be unable to all manner of worſhip, Eſtate or dignity, be it ſuch as I now occupy, or any other that might grow unto me in any wiſe; And this that I have promitted and ſworn, proceedeth of my own deſire and free volunt, and by no conſtraint or co-

hertion; In witneſs of all the which things above written, I **Richard** Duke of *York* above written, Subſcribe me with my own Hand, and Seal, this with my own *Seal &c.*

The Oath *which was taken in the Parliament at* Coventry *unto King* Henry 6. Anno 38. Nov. 26. *by the two Arch Biſhops, ſixteen Biſhops, five Earles, two Viſcounts, three Dukes, (in the abſence of the Duke of* York) *fourteen Abbots, two Pryors, and ſeven Barons.*

JA. B. knowledge you moſt High and Mighty, and moſt Chriſtian Prince, **King** *Henry* 6. to be my moſt redoubted Soveraign Lord, and right-wiſe by Succeſſion born to Reign upon me, and all your Liege People; Whereupon I voluntarily, without cohertion, promit and oblige me, by the faith and truth that I owe unto God, and by the faith, truth, and Liegeance, that I owe unto you my moſt redoubted Soveraign Lord, That I ſhall be without any variance, true, faithful, humble, and obeyſant Subject and Liegeman unto you my moſt redoubted Soveraign Lord; and that I ſhall be unto my lives end, at all times and places, ready and attending at your calling in my moſt hearty wiſe and manner, as any true Liegeman oweth to be unto his Soveraign Lord, putting me in my true undelayed endeavour, to do all that may

may be unto the weal and ſurety of your moſt Royal Perſon, of your moſt Noble Eſtate, and the very conſervation, and aſſurance, and continuance of Your moſt High Authority, Preeminence, and Prerogative, To the weal, ſurety and preſerving of the Perſon of the moſt Noble and Benign Princeſs *Margaret* the Queen, my Soveraign Lady, and of her moſt High and Noble Eſtate, ſhe being your Wife; And alſo to the weal, ſurety, and Honour of the Perſon of the right High and Mighty Prince *Edward*, my right redoubted Lord the Prince, your firſt begotten Son, and of the Right High and Noble Eſtate of the ſame, and faithfully, truly, and obeyſantly, in my moſt humble wiſe and manner, honour, ſerve, obey, and bear mine Allegiance unto you my moſt redoubted Soveraign Lord during your life, which God the Father of mercy, for my moſt ſingular recomfort, preſerve long in proſperity to endure; and if God of his infinite Power take you from this Tranſitory life, me bearing life in this world, That then I ſhall take and accept my ſaid redoubted Lord the Prince, *Edward*, your ſaid firſt born Son, for my Soveraign Lord, and bear my true Faith and Liegeance unto him as my natural born Soveraign Lord, and after him, unto his Succeſſion of his body lawfully begotten; and in default of his Succeſſion, which God defend unto any other Succeſſion of your Body lawfully coming; And that I ſhall never at any time, for any manner of occaſion, colour, affinity, or cauſe, conſent, give aid, aſſiſtance, or favour,

favour, or agree to any thing, that I may understand, or know by any means, that may be prejudicial or contrary to the premises, or any of them: But that I shall, as soon as I may have knowledge, put me in my undelayed devoyre, in most hearty and effectuous wise and manner, without colour or faintness, with my body, goods, might, power, counsel, and advertisements, to resist, withstand, and subdue all them that would in any wise presume to do contrary to the premises, or any of them. So God me help, and those holy Evangelists. In witness whereof, I set to these Presents my Seal, and my Sign Manuel.

The Oath *of the Lieutenant of the Tower of* London.

YOu shall swear, That you shall well and truly serve the **King's** Majesty in the Lieutenancy of the Tower of *London*, and the same Tower ye shall faithfully and safely keep to the behalf of his Majesty, his Heirs and lawful Successors; And the profit of the **King's** Majesty ye shall do and advance in all things that you, as Lieutenant of the Tower belongeth; And the Rights and Priviledges of the Tower, that to the same lawfully appertain, you shall keep and preserve; You shall hear nothing that may be hurtful to the Tower or prejudicial to his Majesty, but that with all convenient speed you shall disclose it to some

ſome of his Majeſties Privy Council : In theſe and all other things that to a Lieutenant of the Tower belongeth to do, well and faithfully you ſhall, according to your beſt power and knowledge, perform, fullfil, and keep. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *miniſtred to certain perſons for the renouncing of their profeſſion of Lollardiſm, in* Rich. 2. *his time,* vide Claus, Anno. Rich. 2. Nov. 18. Dorſo.

Memorandum *quod primo die Decembris, Anno Regni Regis Rich. 2. Poſt. Conqueſtum 19 Willus Divet, Nichus Taylor, Nichus Poncher, & Will. Staynor, de Nottingham, in Canc. prim. Regis Perſonaliter Conſtit. Sacram. diviſim preſtiterint, ſub eo qui ſequitur Tenor.*

I **William Deynet**, before you worſhipful Fader Lord Arch-Biſhop of *York*, and your Clergy, with my free will, and full adviſed ſwear to God, and all his Saints, upon the holy Goſpel, That for this day forthward I ſhall worſhip Images with praying and offering unto them, in the worſhip of Saints, that they be made offer ; And alſo I ſhall never deſpiſe Pilgrimage, ne States of holy Church in no degree, And alſo I ſhall be Buxim to the Laws of holy Church, and to yhorn as my Arch-Biſhop, and to my other Ordinaries and Curates, and

keep your Laws upon my power, and main' tain them; And alſo I ſhall never more main' tain, ne teachen, ne defend an Errour, Concluſions ne teachings of the Lollards, ne ſwich Concluſions and Teachings that men clepity Lollards Doctrine, ne ſhall her Books, ne ſwich Books, ne hem, or any ſuſpect or defamed of Lollardy, receive or company withal wittingly, or defend in your matters; And if I know any ſwich, and alſo I ſhall excite and ſtir all tho to good Doctrine that I have hindered with my Doctrine, up my power; And alſo I ſhall ſtand to your Declaration which is Hereſie or Errour, and do thereafter; and alſo with Pennance, yhe wook for, that I have done for maintaining of this falſe Doctrine inmyns me, I ſhall fulfill it, and I ſubmit me thereto up my power; And alſo I ſhall make no other gloſs of this mine Oath but as the words ſtand; And if it be ſo, that I come again, or do again this or any part thereof, I yield me here comptable as an Heretick, and to be puniſhed by the Law as an Heretick, and to forfeit all my Goods to the **kings** will, withouten any other proceſs of Law; And thereto I require the Notary to make of all this, the which is my will, and inſtrument againſt me.

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The Oath *of Fidelity, by the Priour of St.* Johns *of Jeruſalem, in Dorſo Claus,* Anno 14. Edw. 4. Nov. 5.

I ſhall be faithful and true, and Faith, and Truth ſhall bear to the **King** our Soveraign, and to his Heirs **Kings** of *England,* of Life and Limb, and of Earthly Worſhip for to live and die againſt all people, and diligently I ſhall be attendant unto the **Kings** needs and buſineſſes after my wit and power, and to him, and to his Commandments, in that that to me attaineth and belongeth I ſhall be obeyſant. As God me help, and his Saints.

A Copy *of an Oath of the Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury, *and the reſt of the* Kings *Councel ſworn for performance of the Articles Matrimonial, treated, and had between the High and Mighty Prince* Charles, *Prince of* Wales, *and the Highneſs of the Infanta of* Spain *and their Commiſſaries on both Parties, the* 20th. July, 1625.

I *George* Archbiſhop of *Canterbury,* do ſwear that I will Juſtifie and Faithfully obſerve, ſo much as in me lyeth, all and each of the Articles which are contained in the Treaty of Matrimony between the moſt Excellent Prince *Charles,*

Charles, Prince of *Wales*, and the most Excellent Lady, the Lady **Mary** Infanta of *Spain*; And I do also swear, That I will neither Execute, nor cause to be Executed any Law made against any *Roman* Catholick, or exact any pain imposed thereby, neither by my self, nor any inferior Ministers serving under me; but in all things appertaining unto me, I will faithfully observe the orders of the **Kings** Majesty in this behalf made and provided.

The Oath *which King* Charles *took at the time of His Coronation.*

After the Sermon was done the Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury* came to the KING, and with a low voice inquire of his Majesty, saying:

SIR, Will you grant and keep, and by your Oath confirm to the People of *England*, the Laws and Customes to them granted by the **Kings** of *England*, Your *Lawful and Religious* Predecessors; And namely, The Laws Customes, and Franchizes granted to the Clergy, and to the People, (by the) glorious King Saint *Edward* your Predecessor, *According, and conformable to the Laws of God, and Profession of the Gospel Established in this Kingdom, and agreeing to the Prerogatives of the Kings thereof, and to the Antient Customs of this Realm.*

Respons. I grant, and Promise to keep them.

Sir,

Sir, Will you keep Peace, and Agreement entirely according to your Power, both to God, the Holy Church, the Clergy, and to the People?

Respons, I will keep it.

Sir, Will you to your Power, cause Law, Justice, and Mercy, in discretion, and Truth to be Executed in all your Judgments?

Respons, I will.

Sir, Will you grant to hold and keep, the Laws and Rightful Customs, which the Commonalty of the Kingdom have; And to defend and uphold them, to the honour of God, so so much as in you lieth?

Respons, I grant, and promise so to do.

Legatur, *Admonitio sequens, ab uno Episcopo, Coram Omnibus, Clara voce sic dicendo.*

Domine, *Rex, a vobis Pardonari Petimus unicuiq; de nobis & Ecclesiis, nobis commissis Cannonicum Privilegium, & debitam Legem, atq; Justitiam, conservetis, & defensionem exhibiatis, sicut Rex in suo Regno debet unicuiq; Episcopo, & Ecclesiis, sibi commissis.*

Respondet Rex.

Animo *Libenti & devoto promitto vobis, & Pardno, Quia unicuique de vobis & Ecclesiis vobis Commissis Canonicum Privilegium, & debitam Legem, atq; justitiam servabo, & defensionem (quantum potuero adjuvante Domino) exhibeo sicut Rex in suo Regno unicuiq; Episcopo, Ecclesiis sibi Commissis, per rectum defendere debet.*

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This being done the **King** cometh to the Altar, and laying his right hand on the Bible, ſaith theſe words:

These things which I have before promiſed, I ſhall obſerve and keep: So God me help, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath *which all Popiſh Biſhops ſwear unto the Pope, under Decretalls* ; Lib. 1. Tit. 14. Cap. 4.

I H. Biſhop, will be faithful, from this day forward, unto St. *Peter*, and to the holy Church of *Rome*, and to my Lord *Boniface* the Pope, and to his Succeſſors elected Canonically; and I will be an help to keep and defend againſt all people, the Popedome, or Papal Soveraignty, and the rules of the holy Fathers. So God me help, and the holy Goſpel.

The Oath *of the Treaſurer of the* Kings *Houſhold, in the time of* H. 8. *as it is entered in the Black Book of the Houſhold*

YE will ſwear, By that Book to be after your power, and cunning, and good worſhipful and true Officer to the **King** our Soveraign Lord, whoſe high eſtate is here preſent, and diligent ſervice to do him, as Treaſurer of his honorable Houſhold, and be knowing and conſenting to any thing that might be againſt

againſt him in his Body Natural, or of his goods Temporal, but that you let it after your power, or elſe to give haſty knowledg thereof to himſelf, or to ſuch about him that will do him Wit, or to let it or amend it; And alſo ſuch good as ye ſhall receive of the **King**, by the Treaſurer of *England*, or other Officers for the Eſtate, and conſervation of his Royal Houſhold, and for the expences of it, you ſhall truly charge your ſelf therewith, and true Accompt yield into the Exchecquer, full and whole by every two years end at the furtheſt, and no concealment make; alſo to behave you truly and honeſty, in making of all your payments with favorable demeaning, cheriſhing love between the **King** and people, and that ſuch payments be made and uſed continually as the green Cloth in the Counting-Houſe of Houſhold; alſo that ye take oftentimes views and ſuch over ſight of all manner of Victual, and ſtuff, compriſed within your charge and parcel, in every Office, ſo that the utterance of it be guided to the **Kings** moſt worſhip and profit; and that in all your Seſſions and Judgments in the Counting-houſe, upon any mattter, cauſe or any thing to ſay, and give your doom truly, after good Conſcience, right, reaſon, and all the Rules of this Court will require between the **King** and party, or any other party or parties, cheriſhing the good Officers, and puniſhing the evil doer, not by affection or love only, nor in anger or evil will but return truth to every party as nigh as you can.

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Item, ye ſhall neither ask nor conſent to any allowance but as ſhall be rightful and due to be done, and that you demean you in charging or diſcharging of the expences of Houſhold, always to the **Kings** Houſhold Worſhip and Profit, and in your own perſon, to be example to other in the Court; All ſuch parcel of purveyance as ſhall be brought into the Counting-Houſe of your time, truly purveyed and parcelled by Indentures, betwixt ſuch Officers, and if you by good examinations and ſearches in the Countries, as truly ye can charge all the Purveyors, and that it be duly oppoſed in the Counting-Houſe monthly for the **King**; And alſo that he ſearch, the good old rule worſhipful, and profitable of this Court, uſed before time; and them to keep, uphold, and better if you can. As God help you, and by that Book.

The Oath *of the Comptroller of the* Kings *Houſhold, as it is recorded the Black Book of the Houſhold.*

YE ſhall ſwear, By that Book, to do unto the **King** our Soveraign Lord, good and true ſervice, and diligent after your power and cunning, as Comptroller of his Honourable Houſhold, and not to know or conſent to any thing, that may be hurting to his Highneſs Eſtate, or to his body, or goods, but that ye ſhall that after your power, or elſe warn them

them in haſty time that may let it, alſo to comptrol the receipts and all iſſues, of the Treaſurers Office of Houſhold, and that to record in plain Accompt into the **Kings** Exchequer, of the old form of the Compting houſe; Alſo truly and juſtly, to help to make the prizes of all manner of Stuff, Victual, and other purveyance for this Houſhold, and that you ſee and know it to be good and wholeſome Victuals in every thing for the **King**, and his Houſhold, and for the **Kings** Worſhip; Alſo that it be like worth to the Silver, that the **King** muſt pay therefore, or better by your wiſdome and diſcretion; and alſo ſuch Victuals of meat and drink be dampned and annulled, ſo that it be not expended within the Houſhold, and to ſhew comin ſuch matters as the green Cloth, before the Steward and Treaſurer, that it may be underſtood, not done for malice, and then to counſel upon whom to caſt the loſſes of ſuch miſpurveying; Alſo ye to be conſciently aſſenting in, and to all due allowance to be made, or giving in the Counting houſe, betwixt the **King** and his people, to apply your buſineſſes, upon the good guiding and overſight of all ſuch manner of charges, and expences within this Court, and without alſo belonging to this Houſhold, alſo in our parties to make due ſearch and enquiry, of and upon the conditions of purveyance, and of their purveyance inward and outward, and of all the demeaning of the Officers of the Court, that there riſe no ſlander by their deeds, unto this famous

famous Court, and that you ſee that the Officers under you for the **King**, put them in their diligence to take often the views of the Offices, that the allowance of the Expences, paſs not their charges of receipts; ye alſo to make Accompt of all the Treaſurer of Houſhold charge and diſcharge for all receipts, purveyances and expences, and no concealments make thereof but truly to ingroſs it, and to put into the **Kings** Exchequer; and in your Office to attend, and preſerve the **Kings** Worſhip and profit, as nigh as you can deviſe; and ye to ſearch, keep, and uphold the good ſaid Worſhipful and profitable Rules and Statutes uſed before time in this Court, and them to increaſe, and that this demeaning be example to all other, under you in this Court of good governance; And alſo that ye or your under Clerk, or both, be at the Cowperage of Fleſh, and at the departing of Fiſh, at the ſervice of the **Kings** Chamber and Hall, and to know the very duties of Liveries dailyin Houſhold, and to ſee with the Almner that the Meſſes thereof be ſmitten in a ſufficient and according manner, after the old Cuſtoms, and ſo to ſee it to the **Kings** Table, and to other Officers due; Alſo ye and your Clerk truly, as oft as it is requiſite, ſhall take the Remanents and viewes in Offices, and ſurely make the Book of Wine, and all preſent into the counting Houſe, as oft as you be deſired by the Steward, Cofferer, and Clerk of the Green Cloth, which muſt needs ingroſs the great Accompt of the Houſhold by your Record.

Record. To all which things ye will conform after your power and understanding, So help you God, and by this Book.

The Oath *that is to be administred to a Midwife by the Bishop or his Chancellor of the Dioceſs, when ſhe is licenſed to exerciſe that Office of a Mid-wife.*

You ſhall ſwear, Firſt, That you ſhall be diligent and faithful, and ready to help every Woman labouring of Child, as well the Poor as the Rich; and that in time of neceſſity, you ſhall not forſake, or leave the Poor woman, to go to the Rich.

2. **Item**, Ye ſhall neither cauſe nor ſuffer any woman to name, or put any other Father to the Child, but only him which is the very true Father thereof indeed.

3. **Item**, You ſhall not ſuffer any Woman to pretend, feign, or ſurmize her ſelf to be delivered of a Child, who is not indeed; neither to claim any other Womans Child for her own.

4. **Item**, You ſhall not ſuffer any Womans Child to be murthered, maymed, or otherwiſe hurt, as much as you may; and ſo often as you ſhall perceive any peril or jeopardy, either in the Woman, or in the Child, in any ſuch wiſe, as you ſhall be in doubt what ſhall chance thereof you ſhall thenceforth in due time ſend for other Midwifes, and expert Women

men in that faculty, and uſe their advice and counſel in that behalf.

5. **Item**, That you ſhall not in any wiſe uſe or exerciſe any manner of Witchcraft, Charm, or Sorcery, Invocation, or other Prayers then may ſtand with Gods Laws and the Kings.

6. **Item**, You ſhall not give any counſel, or miniſter any Herb, Medicine, or Potion, or any other thing, to any Woman being with Child whereby ſhe ſhould deſtroy or caſt out that ſhe goeth withal before her time.

7. **Item**, You ſhall not enforce any Woman being with Child by any pain, or by any ungodly wayes or means, to give you any more for your pains or labour in bringing her a bed then they would otherwiſe do.

8. **Item**, You ſhall not conſent, agree, give, or keep counſel, that any Woman be delivered ſecretly of that which ſhe goeth with, but in the preſence of two or three Lights ready.

9. **Item**, You ſhall be ſecret, and not open any matter appertaining to your Office in the preſence of any man, unleſs neceſſity or great urgent cauſe do conſtrain you ſo to do.

10. **Item**, If any Child be dead born, you your ſelf ſhall ſee it buried in ſuch ſecret place as neither Hog, nor Dog, nor any other Beaſt may come unto it, and in ſuch ſort done, as it be not found nor perceived, as much as you may; And that you ſhall not ſuffer any ſuch Child to be caſt into the Jaques, or any other inconvenient place.

11. **Item**

11. **Item**, if you ſhall know any Midwife uſing or doing any thing contrary to any of the premiſes, or in any other wiſe then ſhall be ſeemly or convenient, you ſhall forthwith detect, open, to ſhew the ſame to me or my Chancellor for the time being.

12. **Item**, You ſhall uſe your ſelf in honeſt behaviour unto the woman being lawfully admitted to the room and Office of a Midwife in all things accordingly.

13. **Item**, That you ſhall truly preſent to my ſelf, or my Chancellor, all ſuch women as you ſhall know from time to time to occupy and exerciſe the room of a Midwife within my foreſaid Dioceſs and Juriſdiction of *A.* without my Licenſe and admiſſion.

14. **Item**, You ſhall not make or aſſign any Deputy or Deputies to exerciſe or occupy under you in your abſence the Office, or room of a Midwife, but ſuch as you ſhall perfectly know to be of right honeſt and diſcreet behaviour, as alſo apt, able, and having ſufficient knowledge and experience to exerciſe the ſaid room and Office.

15. **Item**, You ſhall not be Privy, or conſent, that any Prieſt, or other party, ſhall in your abſence, or in your company, or of your knowledge or ſufferance, Baptiſe any Child, by any Maſs, Latin-Service, or Prayers, then ſuch as are appointed by the Laws of the Church of *England*; neither ſhall you conſent that any Child, born by any woman, who ſhall be delivered by you, ſhall be carried

away without being Baptiſed in the Pariſh by the ordinary Miniſter, where the ſaid Child is born, unleſs it be in caſe of neceſſity, Baptiſed privately, according to the Book of Common Prayer: But you ſhall forthwith upon underſtanding thereof, either give knowledge to me the ſaid Biſhop, or my Chancellour for the time being. All which Articles and Charge you ſhall faithfully obſerve and keep. So help you God and by the Contents of this Book,

The Oath *of a Nun, taking upon her a Monaſtical life.*

TU igitur Primo Jurabis quod in caſtitate corporis te conſervabis: Item tu Jurabis, quod eis Obediens Abati Sci. Auguſtini comtuari, qui nunc eſt, & Succeſſoribus ſuis, qui & Tempore fuerint, in Omnibus, que Pertinent, ad juriſdictionem quam eadem Abbas Habet, ſuper te, vel habeſurum ſunt Succeſſores ejus.

Item, Tu Jurabis, quod eris Obediens & intendens Magiſtro, & Prioriſſe, hujus Loci, qui pro Tempore fuerint in his, quam tibi ex parte dicti Abbatis Injungent, ſaluberitur vel imponent hæc omnia permittis Obſervaturam, quam diu in hac domo, ſoror volueris commorari, & Beneficio hujus domus gaudere, ſic Deus te Adjuvet, & hæc ſancta Dei Evangelia.

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The Oath *taken by* Edw. 2. *King of* England, *at his Coronation*, Anno 1. vide Claus Nov. 10.

Sire *volez vous grauntere garder, & par voſtre ſorment, confermer an People d'Engleterre les leyes, & les cuſtumes, a eux grauntees pur. les Auncien Rois d'Engleterre voz Predeceſſours, duotenus & deotz a dieu & noment les leys cuſtumes, & les Franchiſez guntez, an Clerge, & an People, Par le gloriens Roy Seint* Edw. *voſtre Predeceſſour.*

Aelpons, *Jeo lees grantee, & permitte.*

Sir, *garderez vous a dieu, & Seint Egliſe, & an Clerge, & an People Paes & acore, en dieu entiremt. ſolunt, vere Poer.*

Aelpons, *Jeo les garderai.*

Sir, *freez vous feare en touz vos Ingementz, mele, & droit Juſtice, & diſcretion, en Miſericorde, & verite a vere Poer.*

Aelpons, *Jeo lefrai.*

Sir, *graunt vous, a tenir, & garder, les leys, & les cuſtumes, droit les quieles, la comunante, de vere Royalme, Aura eſt in, & les defendres, & afforcerez ad honor, de dieu a voſtre Poer.*

Aelpons, *Jeo les graunte, & promitte.*

The Oath *taken by ſuch as are convicted for ſtealing the Kings Veniſon, and therefore ordered to abjure the Land.*

MAſter Coroner hear you this, That I have offended our Soveraign Lord the **King** in his Veniſon, for wich cauſe I abjure the Realm of *England*, and hereafter I ſhall never return into it again, without the leave of our Soveraign Lord the **King**. So God me help, and thoſe holy Saints.

The Oath *of a Ranger of the Foreſt.*

YOu ſhall truly execute the Office of a Ranger in the Panralles of *W.* upon the Borders of the **Kings** Foreſt of *Waltham*, you ſhall rechuſe, and with your hand drive back again the wild Beaſts of the Foreſt, as often as they ſhall range out of the ſaid Foreſt into your Panralles; you ſhall truly preſent all unlawful Hunting, and Hunters of wild Beaſts of Venire and Chaſe, as well within the Pancallees as within the Foreſt. And thoſe and all other Offences you ſhall preſent at the **Kings** next Court of Attachments or Swanmoth, which ſhall firſt happen. So God you help

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The Oath *of a Verderor of the Foreſt.*

YOu ſhall truly ſerve our Soveraign Lord the **King** in the Office of a Verderor in the Foreſt of *W.* you ſhall, to the uttermoſt of your power and knowledg, do for the profit of the **King**, ſo far as it doth appertain unto you to do; You ſhall preſerve and maintain the antient Right and Franchizes of the Crown; you ſhall not conceal from his Majeſty any Right of Priviledges, nor any Offence, either in Vert or Veniſon, nor any other thing; You ſhall not withdraw nor abridg any defaults, but ſhall endeavour your ſelf, you ſhall give knowledge thereof unto the **King**, or unto his Juſtice of the Foreſt; Ye ſhall deal indifferently with all the **Kings** Liege People; You ſhall execute the Laws of the Foreſt, and do equal Right and Juſtice, as well unto the poor as unto the rich, that appertaineth unto your Office; You ſhall not oppreſs any Perſon by colour thereof, for any Reward, Favour, or Malice. All theſe things you ſhall to the uttermoſt of your power obſerve and keep. So help you God.

The Oath *of the Regarder of the Foreſt.*

YOu ſhall truly ſerve our Soveraign Lord the **King**, in the Office of a Regarder of the Foreſt of *Waltham*; you ſhall make the Regard of the ſame Foreſt, in ſuch manner as the ſame hath been accuſtomed to be made; You ſhall range throughout the whole Foreſt, and through every Bayliwich of the ſame, as the Foreſters there ſhall lead you to view the ſame Foreſt; and if the Foreſters will not, or do not know how to lead you to make the regard, or range of the Foreſt, or that they will conceal from you any thing that is forfeited to the **King**, you your ſelves ſhall not let for any thing; but you ſhall ſee the ſame forfeiture and cauſe the ſame to be enrolled in your Roll; You ſhall enquire of all waſtes, purpreſtures and aſſerts of the Foreſt, and alſo of concealment of my offence or treſpaſs in the Foreſt, either in Vert or Veniſon, by any Officers of the ſame Foreſt. And all theſe things you ſhall to the uttermoſt of your power do, So help you God.

The Oath *of a Foreſter of the Foreſt.*

YOu ſhall truly execute the Office of a Foreſter or Keeper of the **Kings** wild Beaſts, in the Walk called *P.* within this Foreſt

reſt of *W.* You ſhall be of good behaviour your ſelf towards his Majeſties wild Beaſts, and the Vert of the ſame Foreſt; You ſhall not conceal the offence of any other perſon, either in Vert or Veniſon that ſhall be done within your Charge; but as well the ſame offence, as alſo all Attachments, and Swanmothe, other you ſhall preſent at the **Kings** next Court of Attachments or Swanmothe, which ſhall firſt happen to be holden for the ſame Foreſt; And you ſhall, to the uttermoſt of your power, maintain and keep the Aſſizes of the Foreſt, and in all things the **Kings** Right defend, concerning the ſame, ſo long as you ſhall be Keeper there. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Inhabitants of the Foreſt, being of the age of twelve yeares, as the ſame hath been accuſtomed and uſed in antient time.*

YOu ſhall true Leigeman be unto the **Kings Majeſty**; You ſhall no hurt do unto his Beaſts of his Foreſt, nor unto any thing that doth belong thereto, the offences of other you ſhall not conceal; but to the uttermoſt of your power, you ſhall them reveal unto the Officers of the Foreſt, or to them that may ſee the ſame redreſt. All theſe things you ſhall ſee done. So help you God, and Holidome.

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The Oath *of the Engliſh Seminaries of the Romiſh inſtitution uſe to take.*

I **John Copley** Collegial of the Engliſh Seminary, duly conſidering the great benefits which Almighty God hath beſtowed upon me and that eſpecially whereby he hath drawn me out of the Country infected with Hereſie, and made me a member his true Catholick Church, and deſiring not to ſhew my ſelf altogether ingrate unto Gods ſo great mercy, I have freely decreed to conſecrate, and offer up my ſelf wholly unto his divine ſervice, for attaining as much as in me lyeth to the end of the ſaid Colledge; And I do promiſe and confirm by this mine Oath unto Almighty God, that I am, and ſhall be ever moſt ready in mind, by the aſſiſtance of his holy grace, to receive in due time Holy Orders, and to return into *England*, there to gain Souls, whenſoever the Superiour of this Colledge ſhall think good by vertue of his Office, to command me thereto.

The Oath *of a Knight of the Bath, as it was Miniſtred at the Coronation of King* Charles, Anno, 1625.

RIght dear Brother, great Worſhip be this Order unto you, And the Almighty God give you the praiſe of all Knight-hood; You

You ſhall love God above all things, ye ſhall be ſtedfaſt in the faith of Chriſt, and the ſame maintain and defend to your power; You ſhall love your Soveraign above all earthly creatures, and for your Soveraign, and your Soveraigns Right and dignity, live, and dye; You ſhall defend Maidens, Widows, and Orphans, in their Rights; You ſhall ſuffer no Extortion ſo far forth as you may, nor ſit in place to here any wrongful Judgments given to your knowledge, And as great Honour be this Noble Order unto you, as ever it was to your Progenitors.

The Oath *of Fealty taken by* John Balioll *King of* Scots, *to the King of* England,

THis hear you my Lord *Edward* King of *England*, Soveraign Lord of the Realm of *Scotland*, that I *John de Balioll* King of *Scotland*, which I hold and claim to hold of you, that I ſhall be faithful and loyal, and owe faith and loyalty to you, I ſhall bear of life and member, and of earthly honour againſt all people; And lawfully I ſhall acknowledge, and do the ſervices which I owe to you, for the Realm of *Scotland* aforeſaid; So God me help, and his Holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *and Fealty, made by King* John *to Pope* Innocentius, Anno Dom. 1213. Anno R. John. 14.

JOhn by the Grace of God, **King** of *England, France,* and *Ireland,* from this hour forward ſhall be faithful to God, and to Saint *Peter,* and to the Church of *Rome,* and to my *L.* Pope *Innocentius,* and to his Succeſſors lawfully entring; I ſhall not be in word nor deed, in conſent, or counſel, that they ſhould loſe life, or member, or be apprehended in evil manner: Their loſs, if I may know it, I ſhall Impeach and ſtay, ſo far as I ſhall be able, or elſe ſo ſhortly as I can, I ſhall ſignifie unto them and declare to ſuch perſons the which I ſhall believe, will declare the ſame unto you; The counſel which they ſhall commit unto me, by themſelves, their meſſengers, or their Letters, I ſhall keep ſecretly, and not utter to any man to their hurt, to my knowledge. The Patrimony of Saint *Peter,* and eſpecially the Kingdom of *England,* and *Ireland,* I ſhall endeavour my ſelf to defend, againſt all men to my power; So help me God, and theſe Holy Evangeliſts, *Amen.*

This Fealty was done on the Eve of the Aſcention of our Lord, in the year *Anno,* 1213.

The Oath *of a Doctor of Divinity, according to the practice of the University of* Basill.

Ornatissime, *Vir, Sacrarum Literarum, candidate, D. Doctissime, Hodie coram Amplissimo hoc concessit promittis atq; fidem das in conspectu Sacrosancti Adorandæ Trinitatis, cui te Hactenus Totum Addixisti, Consecrati studiis, laboribus, Vigiliis tuis, quod velis doctrinam Puram, a Prophetis Apostelis ac Patribus, Melioris Notæ Acceptam in corrupte in Scolis Ecclesiisq; docere; Dogmata Pugnantia cum dei verbo: (quantum vis λογὸς τῆς σοφιας habeant) nulla vel Seminare, vel tueri per totam vitam eruditioni, ac gradui sermone, & Actionibus morum gravitatem conjungere eam, que Theologie docet, & sit avera ληξεις comoda nostræ Reipublicæ Symnasii; utilitatem, ac in Primis Ordinis Theologici salutem (quantum in te fuerit) Perpetuo promonere Indignes, Ambitioses, contentioses à dignitatis titula (quem doctuatam Appellamus longe Abarcere, denig; cum universis Fratribus sinceram Religionem profitentibus, των φιλβελσιων) insigne conjunctionis vinculum Colore, Alere, Æternum,* Amen.

The Oath *of a Sheriff of a County, according as it was reformed by direction of the Kings Council, the* 4. *of* Decemb. Anno, 1625.

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King**, in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of *B.* and do the **Kings** Profits in all that belongeth to you to do by way of your Office, as far forth as you may or can; Ye ſhall truely keep the **Kings** and all that belongeth to the Crown; Ye ſhall, not aſſent to decreaſe, to leſſen, ne to concealment of any of the **Kings** Rights, or of his Franchizes; And whenſoever ye ſhall have knowledge, that the **Kings** Rights, or the Rights of the Crown be concealed or withdrawn, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, or any other thing; Ye ſhall do your true power to make them be reſtored to the **King** again: And if he may not do it, ye ſhall certifie the **King**, or ſome of his Councel thereof, ſuch as you know for certain will ſay it unto the **King** Ye ſhall not reſpite the **Kings** debts for any gift or favour, where ye may raiſe them without great grievance of the debtor; Ye ſhall truly and righteouſly treat the people of your Sheriffwick, and do right as well to poor as to rich, in all that belongeth to your Office; Ye ſhall do no wrong to any man, for any gift or other beheſt, or promiſe of goods,

goods, for favour nor hate; Ye ſhall diſturb no mans right, ye ſhall acquit at the *Exchequer* all thoſe of whom ye ſhall any thing receive of the **Kings** debts; Ye ſhall nothing take whereby the **King** may loſe, or that right may be letten, or diſturbed, or the **Kings** debt delayed; Ye ſhall truly return, and truly ſerve the **Kings** Writs, as far forth as it ſhall be in in your cunning; Ye ſhall not have to be your under Sheriff, any of the Sheriffes Clerks, of the laſt year paſſed; Ye ſhall take no Bayliffe into your ſervice, but ſuch as you will anſwer for; Ye ſhall make each of your Bayliffs make ſuch Oath as you make your ſelf, in that that belongeth to their Occupation; Ye ſhall receive no Writs, by you, nor any of yours unſealed, nor any Sealed under the Seal of any Juſtice, ſave of Juſtice in Eyre, or Juſtice aſſigned in the ſame Shire where you be Sheriff in, or other Juſtices having power or authority to make any Writs unto you, by the Law of the Land, or Juſtice of Newgate; You ſhall make your Bayliffe of the true and ſufficient men in the Country; Ye ſhall be dwelling in your own proper perſon within your Bayliffewick, for the time you ſhall be in the ſame Office, except ye be otherwiſe Licenſed by the **King**: You ſhall not let your Sheriffewick, nor any Bayliffwick thereof, to Farm to any man; Ye ſhall truly ſet, and return reaſonable and due Juries of them, that be within your Bayliff wick, after their Eſtate and their Haviour, and make your Pannell

nell your self of such persons as be most meet, most sufficient, and not suspect, nor procured, as it is ordained by the Statute; And over this in eschewing and restraining of the Robberies, Man-slaughters, and other manifold grievous offences that be done dayly, namely, by such as name themselves Souldiers, and by other Vagrants, the which increase in multitude and number; So that the **Kings** true Subjects may not safely ride, nor go to do such things as they have to do, to their intollerable hurt and hinderance; Ye shall truly and effectually, with all diligence possible to your power, execute the Statutes of *Winchester*, and of Vagabonds; All these things ye shall well and truly observe and keep, So help you God, *&c.*

The Form of **The Oath** *of Justices of the Peace.*

YE **shall swear**, That as Justices of the Peace in the County of *C.* in all Articles, in the **Kings** Commission to you directed, you shall do equal right to the Poor, and to the Rich after your cunning, wit, and power, and after the Laws and Customs of the Realm, and Statutes thereof made. And ye shall not be of Counsel of any Quarrel hanging before you. And that ye hold your Sessions after the form of Statutes thereof made. And the Issues, Fines, and Amerciaments that shall happen to be made, and all forfeitures which shall fall

fall before you ye ſhall cauſe to be Entred without any concealment (or imbezilling) and truly ſend them to the King's Exchequer. Ye ſhall not let for gift or other cauſes, but well and truly you ſhall do your Office of Juſtice of the Peace in that behalf. And that you take nothing for your Office of Juſtice of the Peace to be done, but of the **King**, and Fees accuſtomed, and Coſts limitted by the Statute. And ye ſhall not direct, nor cauſe to be directed any Warrant (by you to be made) to the parties, but ye ſhall direct them to the Bayliffs of the ſaid County, or other the **Kings** Officers (or Miniſters) or other indifferent perſons to do Execution thereof. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Regiſter, and Keeper of the King's Papers and Records of State, in his Palace of* Whitehal *at* Weſtminſter.

YOu ſhall ſwear, To bear faith and true Allegiance unto the Kings Majeſty, and him from henceforth truly and faithfully to ſerve in the place of Clerk, Keeper, and Regiſter of his Majeſties Papers and Records for matters of State, eſtabliſhed at his Majeſties Palace of *Whitehal*; You ſhall do your uttermoſt endeavour to keep and conſerve the ſaid Papers and Records, which either now or hereafter ſhall be committed to your charge, from all harm and damage; You ſhall not willingly ſuffer any of the ſame to be purloyned, embezi-

led, or defaced; You ſhall carefully and faithfully keep ſecret and conceal, from the knowledg of others, either by writing or relation, all ſuch things therein contained as ſhall be fit, either for reaſon of State, or otherwiſe for his Majeſties ſervice, to be concealed and kept ſecret, except it be to the Lords, and others of his Majeſties Privy Council, or ſuch as his Majeſty ſhall be content to have them communicated unto; if you ſhall know of private perſon, or perſons, that have embezled, or do detain any ſuch Papers or Records which belong unto his Majeſty, you ſhall do the beſt to recover the ſame, and bring them to the ſaid Office, and do all things elſe that belong to the duty of the Clerk, Keeper, and Regiſter of the ſaid Papers and Records: All theſe you ſhall well and truly perform and do. So help you God.

The Oath *to be miniſtred to the Maſter of the Court of* Wards *and* Liveries.

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the King in the Office of the Maſter of the Kings *Wards*, and ſhall miniſter equal Juſtice unto rich and poor, to the beſt of your cunning, wit, and power: And that ye ſhall diligently procure all things which may honeſtly and juſtly be to the Kings Advantage and Profit, and to the Augmentation of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown, and truly uſe the Kings Seal appointed to your Office,

fice, and alſo endeavour your ſelf to the uttermoſt of your power, to ſee the King juſtly and truly anſwered yearly of all ſuch Rents, Revenues, Iſſues, and Profits, which ſhall, or may ariſe, grow, or be due to the King in your Office, and from time to time, deliver with ſpeed ſuch as ſhall have to do before you: And that ye ſhall not take, nor receive of any perſon any Gift or Reward, in any caſe or matter depending before you, or wherein the Kings Highneſs ſhall be Party, whereby any prejudice, loſs, hindrance, or diſheriſon ſhall grow, or be to the Kings Highneſs. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *to be miniſtred to the Atturney of the Court of* Wards *and* Liveries, *as it is in the Statute* 32. **Hen.** 8. Cap. 16.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve the King as his Atturney in all Courts, for, or concerning any matter, or cauſe, that ſhall concern the Poſſeſſions and Hereditaments limited to the Survey and Governance of this Court, and procure the Kings Profit thereof: And that ye ſhall truly counſel the King, and the Maſter of this Court, in all things concerning the ſame to the beſt of your wit and cunning, and with all ſpeed and diligence from time to time, at the calling of the ſaid Maſter ye ſhall endeavour your ſelf, for the hearing and determination indifferently of ſuch

matters and cauſes as ſhall depend before the ſaid Maſter; and that ye ſhall not take any Gift or Reward in any matter or cauſe depending in the ſame Court, or elſewhere, wherein the King ſhall be party, whereby the Kings Majeſty ſhall be hurted or hindred, or diſherited: And further, ye ſhall do to your power, wit, and cunning, all and every thing that ſhall appertain to your Office. So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Receiver-General of the Court of* Wards *and* Liveries, *as in Statute*, Anno, 32 Hen. 8. Cap. 46.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King our Soveraign Lord, and his people, in the Office of the general Receiver of this Court: And ye ſhall reaſonably and honeſtly procure the Kings profit, and do right to all manner of people, poor, and and rich, in thoſe things which touch your Office: And the Kings Receipt of his Money, you ſhall truly keep, diſpend, pay, and deliver, and true Declaration and Accompt make thereof from time to time without any concealment, according to the Act made for the eſtabliſhment of this Court: And further, ſhall do every thing that of right appertaineth to your Office. So help you God, a nd all Saints.

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The Oath *of the Auditors of the Court of* Wards *and* Liveries, *as in the Statute,* Anno 32 **Hen.** 8. Cap. 46.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall truly ſerve the **King** in your Office, and true Allowance make to every perſon which ſhall be accomptant before you: And you ſhall not take, or receive of poor or rich, any Gift or Reward, in any matter or cauſe depending, or to be diſcuſſed in the ſame Court, but ſuch as ſhall be ordinary appertaining to your Office, whereby the **King** ſhall be hurted, hindred, or diſherited: And ye ſhall do all and every thing, which ſhall be appertaining to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

And all particular Auditors, that ſhall belong to, and be appointed to the ſaid Court, ſhall take the ſame Oath aforeſaid, before the Maſter of the ſaid Court of *Wards.*

The Oath *of the particular Receivers of the Court of* Wards *and* Liveries, *as in the Statute,* Anno 32 **Hen.** 8 Cap. 46.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye truly ſhall ſerve the **King** in your Office, and nothing conceal, but true Accompt make of all ſuch Revenues, Rents, Sums of Money, and other profits, wherewith ye ſhall be lawfully charged by reaſon of your Office: Ye ſhall

make no Petition, or ask Allowance, but ſuch as ſhall be good, juſt, true, and reaſonable; And alſo truly content to pay the King, all ſuch ſums of Mony as ſhall come to your hands, and ye ſhall do all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by Reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Clerks of the Council of the Court of* Wards, *as in the Statute,* 32. H. 8. Cap. 46.

YE will ſwear, That ye ſhall well and and truly ſerve the King in your Offices of Clerks of the Council of this Court, and truly do, and Execute all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act; So help you God, and all Saints.

All Surveyors, and Feodaries, that ſhall be appointed by the ſaid Maſter, Attourny, Receiver general, and Auditor of the ſaid Court, or three, or two of them, whereof the Maſter to be one, ſhall take a corporal Oath before the ſaid Maſter, according to the form aboveſaid.

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The Oath *of the Chancellour of the firſt Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,* Anno 32. H. 8. Cap. 46.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That he well and truly ſerve the King in the Office of the Chancellour-ſhip of the firſt Fruits, and Tenths, and ſhall miniſter equal Juſtice to rich and poor, to the beſt of your cunning, wit, and power; And that ye ſhall diligently procure all things which may honeſtly and juſtly be to the Kings beſt advantage and profit, and to the Augmentations of the Rights and Prerogatives of his Crown, and truely uſe the Kings Seal appointed to your Office, and alſo endeavour your ſelf, to the uttermoſt of your power, to ſee the King juſtly and truly anſwered yearly, of all ſuch Rents, Revenues, and Profits, which ſhall or may ariſe, grow, or be due to the King in your Office, and from time to time, deliver with ſpeed, ſuch as ſhall have to do afore you; And that ye ſhall not take nor receive of any perſon any Gift or Reward in any caſe or matter depending before you, or wherein the Kings Highneſs ſhall be Party, whereby any prejudice, hindrance, loſs, or diſheriſon ſhall grow, or be to the Kings Highneſs: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Treaſurer of the Court of firſt Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,* Anno 32 H. 8. Cap. 45.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King our Soveraign Lord, and his People in the Office of the Treaſurer of this Court; And ye ſhall reaſonably and honeſtly procure the Kings Profits, and do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, in thoſe things which touch your Office, and the Kings Receipt of his Mony, ye ſhall truly keep, diſpend, pay, and deliver a true Declraation and Accompt thereof ſhall make, from time to time without any concealment, according to this Act made for the eſtabliſhment of this Court; And further, ſhall do every thing that of right appertaineth to your Office: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Attourney of the Court of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,* Anno 32 H. 8. Cap. 45.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King as his Attourney in all Courts, for and concerning any matter or cauſe that ſhall concern or touch the Rents, Revenues,

Revenues, Profits, or Hereditaments, limited to the Survey and Governance of this Court, and procure the King Profit thereof; And that ye ſhall truly counſel the King, and Chancellour of this Court, in all things, concerning the ſame, to the beſt of your cunning, wit, and power, and with all ſpeed and diligence, from time to time, at the calling of the ſaid Chancellour, you ſhall endeavour your ſelf, for the hearing and determination indifferently of ſuch matters and cauſes as ſhall depend before the ſaid Chancellour; And that ye ſhall not receive any Gift, or Reward, in any matter or cauſe depending in the Court, or elſwhere, wherein the King ſhall be Party, whereby the Kings Majeſty ſhall be hurted, hindred, or diſ-inherited; And further ye ſhall do to your power, wit and cunning, all and every thing that of Right appertaineth to your Office; So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Auditor of the Court of Firſt Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,* Anno 32 H. 8. Cap. 45.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye truly ſhall ſerve the King in your Office, and true Allowance make to every perſon which ſhall be accomptant before you; And you ſhall not take nor receive of Poor, nor Rich, any Gift or Reward in any matter or cauſe depending,

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or to be diſcuſſed in the ſame Court, but ſuch as ſhall be ordinary appertaining to your Office, whereby the **King** ſhall be hurted, hindred, diſherited; And ye ſhall do every thing appertaining to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Court of firſt Fruits and Tenths, as in the Statute,* Anno 32. H. 8. Cap. 45.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King in your Office of Clerk of the Council of this Court, and truly do, and execute all and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *taken for the ſurety of the Succeſſion of the Kings Highneſs, by Queen* Anne, Anno 26. H. 8. Cap. 2.

Ye ſhall ſwear, To bear faith, truth, and obedience, all only to the Kings Majeſty, and to his Heirs of his body of his moſt dear and entirely beloved lawful Wife **Queen Ann,** begotten and to be begotten; And farther to the Heirs of our ſaid Soveraign Lord, according to the limitation in the Statute made for ſurety

ſurety of his Succeſſion in the Crown of this Realm, mentioned and contained, and not to any other within this Realm, nor for any Authority or Potentate. And in caſe any Oath be made or hath been made by you to any perſon or perſons, that then ye repute the ſame as vain, and Annihilated; And that to your cunning wit, and uttermoſt of your power, without guile, fraud, or other undue mean, ye ſhall obſerve, keep, maintain, and defend the ſaid Succeſſion, and all the whole effects and contents thereof, and all other Acts and Statutes made in confirmation, or for execution of the ſame, or of any thing therein contained; and this ye ſhall do againſt all manner of perſons, of what Eſtate, Dignity, Degree, or Condition ſoever they be, and in no wiſe do, or attempt, nor to your power ſuffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things privately or appartly, to the let, hindrance, damage, or derogation thereof, or of any part of the ſame, by any manner of means, or for any manner of pretence; So help you God, all Saints, and the holy Evangeliſts.

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The Oath *taken for the Eſtabliſhment of the Succeſſion of the Crown of this Realme, in the Kings Highneſs by Queen* Jane, Anno 28 H. 8. Cap. 7.

YE ſhall ſwear, To bear Faith, Truth, and Obedience, all only to the **Kings** Majeſty, Supream Head in earth under God of Church of *England* during his Life, and to his Heirs of his Body, and of his moſt dear and entirely beloved lawful Wife Queen **Jane**, begotten and to be begotten and Procreated; And further, to the Heirs of our ſaid Soveraign Lord, according to the limitation in the Statute made for ſurety of his Succeſſion in the Crown of this Realm, As the Parliament begun, and holden at *Weſtminſter* the 8*th*. day of *June*, in the 28*th*. Year of the **Kings** moſt gracious Reign; And alſo for lack of ſuch Heirs to ſuch perſon or perſons as the **Kings** Highneſs ſhall limit and appoint to ſucceed to the Crown, by vertue and Authority of the ſame Act, and not to any other within this Realm, nor for any Authority, Power, or Potentate; And in caſe any other Oath be made, or hath been made by you to any perſon or perſons, that then ye to repute the ſame as vain and Annihilate, and that to your cunning, wit, and uttermoſt of your power, without guile, fraud, ro other undue manner; Ye ſhall obſerve, keep, defend and maintain the ſaid

ſaid Act of Succeſſion, made in the ſaid Parliament begun and holden at *Weſtminſter*, in the ſaid 8*th.* day of *June*, in the ſaid 28*th.* Year of the **Kings** moſt Royal Reign, and all the whole effects and contents thereof, and all things that ſhall be done by the **Kings** Highneſs by Authority of the ſame and all other Acts and Statutes, made in Confirmation or Execution of the ſame, or any thing therein contained; And this ye ſhall do againſt all manner of perſons, of what Eſtate, Dignity, Degree, or Condition ſoever they be, and in no wiſe do or attempt, nor to your power ſuffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things, privately or appartly, to the let, hindrance, damage, or derogation thereof, or any part of the ſame, or of any thing or things that ſhall be done by the **Kings** Highneſs, by vertue and Authority of the ſaid Act, by any manner of means, or for any manner of pretence; So help you God, all Saints, and the Holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of the Commiſſioners appointed for inquiry of the decay of Caſtles, Forts, and other places near* Scotland, *and for Reparation of the ſame.* Anno 2 & 3 P. & M. 4. Cap. 1.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That to your cunning wit and power, ye ſhall truly and indifferently execute the Authority to you given by this

this Commiſſion without any favour, affection, corruption, dread, or malice to be born, to any manner of perſon or perſons; and as the caſe ſhall remain, you ſhall conſent, and endeavour your ſelf, for your part, to the beſt of your knowledg and power, to the making of ſuch wholſome, juſt, equal, and indifferent Laws and Ordinances, as ſhall be made and deviſed by the moſt diſcreet and indifferent number of your ſelves, being in Commiſſion with you, for the making, erection and preſervation of all and every ſuch things as are contained and ſpecified in the ſaid Commiſſion, and the ſame Laws and Ordinances to your cunning, wit, and power, cauſe to put in due Execution, without favour, meed, malice, or affection. As God you help, and all Saints.

The Oath *of ſuch as were Sworn to declare the true value of their Eſtates towards the payment of the* 15. *Diſmes and Subſidies*, Anno 2. & 3. P. & M. Cap. 23.

I Shall faithfully, truly, and plainly, according to my knowledg, ſhew unto you the King and Queens Commiſſioners, and to others by you aſſigned, the beſt and greateſt value of all my goods and chattels, and ſumms of mony to me owing, according to the grant of this Act of Subſidy, and truly anſwer to that I ſhall be examined of, touching the premiſes, without coven or deceit; So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

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The Oath *of ſuch as were to make Enquiry of the value of the Goods and Lands of ſuch perſons as were lyable to the payment of Fifteens, Diſmes, and Subſidies,* Anno 4. & 5. P. M. Cap. 6. & Anno 6. Edw. 6. Cap. 7.

I Shall truly enquire, with my Fellowes that ſhall be charged with me of the Hundred, Wapentake, Ward, Town, and other places of the beſt and moſt value of the ſubſtance of every perſon dwelling and abiding within the limits of the places, that I and my fellows ſhall be charged with, and of other which ſhall have his or their moſt reſort unto any of the ſaid places, and chargeable with any ſum of mony by this Act of the ſaid Subſidy, and of all other Articles that I ſhall be charged with touching the ſaid Act, and according to the intent of the ſame, and thereupon as near as it may be, or ſhall come to my knowledg, truly to preſent and certifie before you the names, ſir-names, and the beſt and uttermoſt ſubſtance and values, of every of them, as well of Lands, Tenaments, and other Hereditaments, Poſſeſſions, and Profits, as of Goods, Chattells, Debts, and other things chargeable by the ſaid Act, without any concealment, favour, love, affection, dread, fear, or malice, near as God will give me grace; So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath *of such as were to present names and best values of the substance of such persons as were to pay relief to the King*, Anno 2 & 3 Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

I Shall truly enquire, with my fellows that shall be charged with me, of the Hundred, Wapentake, Ward, Town, or other place of the best and most value of the substance of every person dwelling and abiding within the limits of the places, that I and my fellows shall be charged with, and of other which shall have his or their most resort unto any of the said places, and chargeable with any sum of money by this Act, of this said relief, and of all other Articles that I shall be charged with touching the said Act, and according to the intent of the same, and thereupon as near as it may, or shall come to my knowledg, not only truly to present and certifie before you, the names, sir-names, additions, and the best and uttermost substance and values of every of them, of their Goods, Chattels, Debts, and other things chargeable by the said Act, and how many Strangers, Denizons, or not Denizons, being above the age of seven years, be resiant and dwelling within the limits of my charge, of what value in Goods, and other things chargeable to the payment of this relief they have been, and whether they be Housholders, or Servants or otherwise, under the rule and government of

parents, without any concealment, favour, love, affection, dread, fear, or malice: So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath *taken by thoſe that were to pay Relief to the King.* Anno 2 & 3 Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

I Shall faithfully, truly, and plainly, according to my knowledg, ſhew unto you the Kings Commiſſioners, and to others by you aſſigned, the beſt and greateſt value of all my goods and chattels, and ſums of mony to me owing, according to the grant of this Act of Relief, and truly anſwer to that I ſhall be examined of, touching the premiſes, without coven or deceit; So help me God, and the holy contents of this Book.

The Oath *to be taken by Parſons, Vicars, or Curates, and others, to declare what number of Sheep were in their ſeveral Pariſhes, to the end, that the King might be paid his his Relief by the Pooll,* Anno 3. & Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

YE ſhall diligently enquire, and juſtly and truely preſent and certifie us, the Kings Commiſſioners, what number of Ewes, Wethers, and other Shear-ſheep there be within

the limits of your charge, whoſe they be, in what Town or Pariſh the Owner dwelleth, of what condition or degree he is, and whether for the moſt part of the year they be kept in ſeveral Paſtures, or Marſhes, or in Commons, or Grounds, commonly uſed to be Tilled, As ye truſt to be ſaved by the merits of Chriſts Paſſion.

The Oath *of ſuch as were to value Cloaths, to the end, that the King might receive payment of Relief for every Cloath,* Anno 2 & 3 Edw. 6. Cap. 36.

YE ſhall faithfully and truly eſteem, ſet the juſt price and value of all ſuch Cloaths as ſhall be brought to you to be viewed and praiſed, as ye ſhall in your conſcience think the ſame worth in your conſcience to be ſold when they ſhall be wrought, and the ſame ſhall not ſuffer to be delivered out of your cuſtody till you have made of the Colour, Kind, and Price thereof an entry, both in the Book of the Clothier, and alſo of the Alnager, or his Deputy, and ſet your hands, or Marks, delaring who was the Owner of the Cloath, and the Kind and Price thereof. So help you God, and by this Book.

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The Oath *of the Surveyor of the Kings Liveries,* Anno 33 *H.* 8. Cap. 22.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye well and truly ſerve the King our Soveraign in the Office of Surveyor of his Graces Liveries, and ſhall miniſter equal Juſtice to rich and poor to the beſt of your power, wit, and knowledg, and that you ſhall diligently proceed in all things which may honeſtly and juſtly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the right and prerogative of his Graces Crown, and from time to time deliver with ſpeed ſuch as ſhall have to do before you; And that you ſhall not take, nor receive of any perſon or perſons any gift or reward, in any caſe or matter, depending or to depend in the ſaid Court of the Kings Wards, wherein the Kings Highneſs ſhall be Party, by reaſon whereof, any prejudice, loſs, hindrance, or diſheriſon, ſhall or may grow to the Kings Highneſs his Heirs or Succeſſors; So help you God and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Liveries, as in* Anno 33 H. 8. Cap. 22.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King our Soveraign Lord in your Office of Clerk of the Liveries, and

truly do and execute, without delay, fraud, or coven, all and every thing and things which you ought to do, by reaſon of your ſaid Office, according to the form and effect of this preſent Act: So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the general Surveyor of the Kings Court, called the Court of general Surveyor of the Kings Lands,* Anno 23 H. 8. Cap. 39.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve the King in the ſaid Office of the general Surveyor of the Revenues of this Court, called the Court of the general Surveyor of his Graces Lands, and ſhall miniſter equal Juſtice to rich and poor, to the beſt of your cunning, wit, and power; And that ye ſhall diligently procure all things which may honeſtly and juſtly be to the Kings advantage and profit, and to the Augmentation of the rights and prerogatives of his Crown, and truly uſe the Kings Seal appointed for your Office; And alſo endeavour your ſelf, to the uttermoſt of your power, to ſee the King truly anſwered of all ſuch Rents, Revenues, Iſſues, and Profits, which ſhall or may ariſe or grow in your Office, and from time to time deliver with ſpeed, ſuch as ſhall have to do before you; And that ye ſhall not take, or receive of any perſon, any Gift or Reward, in any cauſe or matter depending before you, or wherein the Kings Hghneſs ſhall be

be Party, whereby any prejudice, hindrance loſs, or diſheriſon ſhall grow, or be to the Kings Highneſs; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Treaſurer of Office or Court of the Kings general Surveyor*, Anno 33 H. 8. Cap. 39.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the King our Soveraign Lord, and his people in the Office of Treaſurer of his Highneſs Court of general Surveyor; And ye ſhall reaſonably, and honeſtly procure the Kings Profit, and do right to all manner of people, poor and rich, in thoſe things which touch your Office and the Kings Treaſure; ye ſhall truly keep and diſpend, and true Declaration and accompt thereof ſhall make from time to time, without any concealment, to and before ſuch perſon and perſons, as ſhall be named and appointed by the Kings Highneſs, his Heirs and Succeſſors for the ſame; And further, ſhall do every thing that of Right appertaineth to your Office: So help you God, and all Saints.

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The Oath *of the Kings Attourney of the Court of general Surveyer.* Anno. 33 H.8. Cap. 39.

YE ſhall ſwear. That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve the King in all places, for, or concerning any matter or cauſe that ſhall concern or touch the poſſeſſions and Hereditaments, limited to the ſurvey and governance of this Court, and procure the Kings profit thereof; And ye ſhall truly counſel the King and the Surveyor and Treaſurer of this Court, in all things concerning the ſame, to the beſt of your cunning, wit, and power, and with all ſpeed and diligence from time to time at the calling of the ſaid Surveyor and Treaſurer, you ſhall endeavour your ſelf, for the hearing and determination indifferently, of ſuch matters and cauſes as ſhall depend before the ſaid Surveyor and Treaſurer; And that ye ſhall not take any gift or reward in any matter or cauſe depending in the ſame Court, or elſewhere, wherein the King ſhall be Party, whereby the Kings Majeſty ſhall be hurted, hindred, or diſ-inherited; And further, do all and every thing that ſhall appertain to your Office: So help you God, and all Saints.

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The Oath *of the Maſter of the Woods of the Court of General Surveyor*, Anno, 33 **Hen.** 8. Cap. 39.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye well and truly ſhall ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of Maſter of the Woods in this Court: And that ye ſhall make true ſale and ſales of all Woods, and Under-woods belonging to your Office, according to the authority given unto you by this Act of General Surveyor, or any other Act or Acts to be made concerning the ſaid General Surveyors for the Kings moſt advantage, and nothing conceal, but true accompt make of all ſuch ſums of money received for the ſame, and other Profits wherewith ye ſhall be lawfully charged by reaſon of your ſaid Office: Ye ſhall make no Petition, nor ask any Allowance, but ſuch as ſhall be good, juſt, true, and reaſonable: And ye ſhall do all and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Auditors of the Court of the General Surveyor*, Anno 33 H. 8. Ca. 39.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** in your Office, and ſhall not take or receive of poor or rich, any gift or

reward, in any matter or cauſe depending, or to be diſcuſſed in the ſame Court, but ſuch as ſhall be your ordinary Fees: And ye ſhall do all and every other thing which ſhall appertain to your Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Receiver of the Court of the General Surveyance*, Anno 33. **Hen.** 8. Cap. 39.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall truly ſerve the King in your Office, and nothing conceal, but true accompt make of all ſuch Revenues, Rents, Sums of Money, and other profits wherewith you ſhall be lawfully charged, by reaſon of your ſaid Office: You ſhall make no Petition, nor ask Allowance, but ſuch as ſhall be good, juſt, and true and reaſonable, and ye ſhall do all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do, by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of this Act. So help you God, and by the contents of this Book.

The Oath *of the Clerk of the Court of the General Surveyor*, Anno 33 **Hen.** 8. Cap. 39.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** in your Office of Clerk of the ſaid Court, and truly do and execute,

cute, all, and every thing and things which ye ought to do by reaſon of your Office, according to the form and effect of the Act: And ye ſhall alſo be attendant unto the ſaid General Surveyor from time to time, as they ſhall require you. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Meſſenger of the Court of the General Surveyor,* Anno 33 Hen. 8. Cap. 39.

YOU will ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** in your Office of Meſſenger of this Court, as well in ſpeedy ſerving all and ſingular Proceſſes to you, to be delivered without fraud, coven, guile, or deceit: As alſo making true and ſpeedy Certificate to this Court of the ſame: And that you well and truly do, and execute all, and every other thing and things which ye ought to do by reaſon of your ſaid Office. So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of Supremacy,* Anno 28 Hen. 8. Cap. 10.

IT is Ordained and Enacted by Authority aforeſaid, That all, and every Eccleſiaſtical Judge, Ordinary, Chancellor, Commiſſary, Official, Vicar-General, Mayor, Bayliff, Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Eſcheator, Alderman, Jurate, Conſtable, Headborough, Thirdborow, Burſholder,

ſholder, and every other Lay-Officer and Miniſter to be made, created, elected, or admitted within this Realm, or any other the Kings Dominions, of what eſtate, order, degree, or condition ſoever he ſhall be, from, and after the ſaid laſt day of *July*, ſhall before he take upon him ſuch Office, make, take, and receive a Corporal Oath upon the Evangeliſts, before ſuch perſon and perſons as have, or ſhall have authority to admit him: That he from henceforth ſhall utterly renounce, refuſe, relinquiſh and forſake the Biſhop of *Rome*, and his authority, power, and juriſdiction: And that ye ſhall never conſent or agree, that the Biſhop of *Rome* ſhall practice, exerciſe, or have any manner of authority, juriſdiction or power within this Realm, or any other the **Kings** Dominions, but that he ſhall reſiſt the ſame at all times to the uttermoſt of his power: And that from henceforth he ſhall accept, repute and take the **Kings Majeſty** to be the only Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of *England*, and that to his cunning, wit, and uttermoſt of his power, without guile, fraud, or other undue mean: He ſhall obſerve, keep, maintain, and defend the whole effect and contents of all and ſingular Acts and Statutes, made, and to be made within this Realm, in derogation, execution, and extinguiſhment of the Biſhop of *Rome*, and his Authority, and all other Acts and Statutes, made, and to be made in Reformation and corroboration of the **Kings** Power of Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of *England*: And this

this he ſhall do againſt all manner of perſons, of what eſtate, dignity, degree, or condition they be, and in no wiſe do or attempt, nor to his power ſuffer to be done or attempted, directly or indirectly, any thing or things privily or apartly, to the let, hindrance, damage, or derogation thereof, or of any part thereof, by any manner of means, or of any manner of pretence: And in caſe any Oath be made, or hath been made to him, by any manner of perſon or perſons, in maintenance, defence, or favour of the Biſhop of *Rome*, or his Authority, Juriſdiction, or power, ye repute the ſame as vain and adnihillate. So help him God and all Saints, and the Holy Evangeliſts.

The Oath *of a Commiſſioner for Sewers, as is in the Statute*, Anno 23 Hen. 8.

YE ſhall ſwear, That you to your cunning, wit, and power ſhall truly and indifferently execute the Authority given by this Commiſſion of Sewers, without any favour, affection, corruption, dread, or malice, to be born to any manner of perſon or perſons, and as the caſe ſhall require, ye ſhall conſent and endeavour your ſelf, for your part, to the beſt of your knowledg and power, to the making of ſuch wholſome, juſt, equal, and different Laws, and Ordinances, as ſhall be made and deviſed by the moſt diſcreet and indifferent number of your fellows, being in Commiſſion with you,

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for the redreſs, reformation, and amendment, of all, and every ſuch things as are contained and ſpecified in the ſaid Commiſſion: And the ſame Laws and Ordinances, to your cunning, wit, and power, cauſe to be put in due execution without favour, meed, dread, malice, or affection. So God you help, and all Saints.

The Oath *of an Under-Sheriff, Bayliff of Franchies, Deputies, and Clerk of every Sheriff, and Under-Sheriff, Statute,* Anno 27 *of Queen* Eliz. Cap. 12.

I. A. B. Shall not uſe or exerciſe the Office of Under-Sheriff corruptly, during the time that I ſhall remain there, neither ſhall, or will accept, rejoice, or take by any colour, means, or device whatſoever, or conſent to the taking of any manner of fee or reward of any manner of perſon or perſons for the impannelling or returning of any Inqueſt, Jury, or Tales, in any Court of Record for the Queen, or between party and party, above two Shillings, or the value thereof, or ſuch Fees as are allowed and appointed for the ſame by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, but will, according to my power, truly and indifferently with convenient ſpeed, Impannel all Jurors, and return all ſuch Writ or Writs touching the ſame, as ſhall appertain to be done by my duty or Office, during the time that I ſhall remain in the ſaid Office. So help me God, and by the contents of this Book.

It is Ordained, That every Under-Sheriff, Bayliff of Franchizes, Deputy, and Clerk of every Sheriff, and Under-Sheriff, and every other perſon and perſons, which ſhall have Authority, or take upon him to Impannel or return any Inqueſt, Jury or Tales, or intermeddle with execution of Proceſs in any Court of Record, until he or they have taken the Oath of Supremacy, as it is Ordained in the firſt year of Queen *Elizabeth*; together with the Oath abovſaid.

The Oath *given to the Kings Council and Judges of his Court of* Requeſts, *as it is entred in an old Book of Preſidents remaining among the Records of that Court*, Anno 27 **Hen.** 6. Fol. 56.

YOu ſhall be faithful and true Counſellor to our Soveraign Lord, *Henry* by the Grace of God, King of *England*, and of *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, the 7*th*. and to his Council be diligently attendant, and due, and diligent attendance he ſhall give to the ſame, and and in every matter touching our ſaid Soveraign Lord his Honourable ſuretie or profit that ſhall come to your knowledg, or that ſhall be communed or treated in his Council: Ye ſhall to the beſt of your wiſdom, give plain and true Counſel, not letting ſo to do for meed, dread, favour, or affection of any perſon, of what degree or condition ſoever he be; the

Kings

Kings Council, as long as it is Ordained to be Council, ye ſhall conceal and keep ſecret, without diſcloſing it to any perſon, though he be of the ſame Council, if it touch him, and that he may not be made privy there: And if there ſhall come any thing to your knowledg, that may be hurtful prejudicial, or diſhonourable to our ſaid Soveraign Lord: Ye ſhall let it to the beſt of your power, and as ſoon as ye goodly may, ſhew it to our ſaid Soveraign Lord, or ſuch of his Council as ye ſhall think will ſhew it to him; All which premiſes, and every of them, ye ſhall well and truly keep and obſerve. So help you God, and all Saints, and by his Holy Evangeliſts, by you bodily touched.

The Oath *which was given by* Henry Garnet *the Jeſuit, to* Catesby, Piercy, Chriſtopher Wright, *and* Thomas Winter, *and the reſt of the Conſpirators in the Powder-Treaſon,* Anno 1605. *for ſecreſie, as perſeverance and conſtancy in the execution of their Plots,*

YOu ſhall ſwear, By the Bleſſed Trinity, and by the Sacrament you now purpoſe to receive, never to diſcloſe directly nor indirectly, by word or circumſtance, the matter that ſhall be propoſed to you to keep Secret, nor deſiſt from execution thereof, until the reſt ſhall give you leave.

The

The Oath *concerning the Office of a Conſtable in the Country,* Vide Dalton, *Title* Warrants.

You ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall well and truly ſerve our Soveraign Lord the **King** in the Office of a Conſtable; You ſhall ſee, and cauſe his Majeſties Peace to be well and truly kept and preſerved according to your power; You ſhall Arreſt all ſuch perſons as in your ſight or preſence ſhall ride or go Armed offenſively, or ſhall commit, or make any Riot, Affray, or other breach of his Majeſties Peace; You ſhall do your beſt endeavour (upon complaint to you made) to apprehend all Fellons, Barefors, and Rioters, or perſons Riotous aſſembled; and if any ſuch Offenders ſhall make reſiſtance (with force) you ſhall leave hue and cry, and ſhall purſue them until they be taken: You ſhall do your beſt endeavour, that the Watch in your Town be duly kept, and that hue and cries be duly purſued, according to the Statute of *Wincheſter:* And that the Statutes made for the Puniſhment of Rogues and Vagabonds, and Night-walkers, and ſuch idle perſons coming within your Bounds and Limits be duly put in Execution: You ſhall have a watchful eye to ſuch perſons as ſhall maintain or keep any common houſe or place where any unlawful Games

Games is, or ſhall be uſed; As alſo, to ſuch as ſhall frequent or uſe ſuch places; or ſhall uſe or exerciſe any unlawful Games there, or elſewhere, contrary to the Statutes at your Aſſizes, Seſſions, or Leet; You ſhall preſent all, and every the offences done, contrary to the Statutes made, 1. *Jacob.* 4. *Jacob.* & 21. *Jacob. Regis*, to reſtrain the inordinate hunting and tipling in Innes, Alehouſes, and other Victualing-houſes, and for repreſſing of Drunkenneſs. You ſhall true repreſentment make of all Blood-ſhedding, Affraies, Out-cryes, Reſcuous, and other Offences committed or done againſt the **Kings** Majeſties Peace within your Limits; And you ſhall have a care for the maintenance of Archery, according to the Statute: You ſhall well and duly execute all Receipts and Warrants to you directed, from the Juſtices of this County; And ye ſhall well and duly, according to your knowledge, power, and ability, do, and execute all other things belonging to the Office of a Conſtable, ſo long as you ſhall continue in this Office; So help you God.

The Oath *of a Duke and Earl in* Scotland, *to their King.*

YOu ſhall fortifie and defend the true and Chriſtian Religion, and Chriſts holy Evangel preſently preached in this Realm, and ſhall be loyal and true to our Soveraign Lord the **Kings** Majeſty, and ſhall defend his Highneſs

Realm

Realm and Lieges from all Aliens and Strangers, at the uttermoſt of your power; So help you God, and by the Oath that ye have elſe made.

The Oath *of a Lord of Parliament in* Scotland.

YE ſhall give due and faithful Counſel to our Soveraign Lord the Kings Majeſties Weal publiquely in Parliament, as in all other places needful, and ſecretly according to your knowledge, for the preſervation of his Highneſs moſt noble Perſon, his Royal Eſtate, Lieges, and Realm, and Common-weal thereof; And ſhall never Heil nor conceil any point of Treaſon, or Crime, Leiſmajeſty, that ſhall appear to be conſpired againſt his ſaid Royal Perſon but ſhall incontinent, with all poſſible diligence reveal the ſame; So help you God, and by the Oath that ye have elſe made.

The Oath *of a Knight of* Scotland.

1. I Shall fortifie and defend the Chriſtian Religion, and Chriſts holy Evangel preſently preached in this Realm, to the uttermoſt of my power.

2. I ſhall be Loyal and true to my Soveraign Lord the Kings Majeſty, to all Orders

of Chivalry, and to the Noble Office of Arms.

3. I ſhall fortifie and defend Juſtice at my power, and that with favour or feed.

4. I ſhall never flye from my Soveraign Lord the Kings Majeſty, nor from his Highneſs Lieutenants, in time of Mellay and Battail.

5. I ſhall defend my Native Realm from all Alieners and Strangers.

6. I ſhall defend the juſt occaſion and quarrel of all Ladies of Honour, of all true and friendleſs Widows, of Orphans, and of Maidens of good fame.

7. I ſhall do diligence whereſoever I hear there is any Murtherers, Traytors, or maſterful Reavers, that Oppreſſeth the Kings Lieges, and poor people, to bring them to the Law at my power.

8. I ſhall maintain and uphold the Noble Eſtate of Chivalry, with Horſe, Harneſs, and other Knightly Habilliments, and ſhall help and ſuccour them of the ſame Order, if they have need.

9. I ſhall enquire, and ſeek to have the knowledge and underſtanding, of all the Articles and Points contained in the Book of Chivalry.

All theſe premiſes to obſerve, keep and faithful, I oblige me; So help me God, by my own hand, ſo help me God, &c.

The

The Oath *of the Mayor of* London *and* Oxford, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve well and truly our Soveraign Lord the **King**, in the Office of Mayoralty in the City of *London*, or (*Oxenford*) and the ſame City, Ye ſhall ſurely, and ſafely, unto the uſe of our ſaid Sovereign Lord the **King** of *England*, and of his Heirs, **Kings** of *England*, and the Profit of the **King**, ye ſhall do in all things that to you longeth, and the Right of the **King**, and that that belongeth to the Crown ye ſhall truely keep; Ye ſhall not aſſent unto decrees nor concealment of the Rights, nor of the Franchizes of the **King**, or of the Crown, be it in Lands Rents, or in Franchizes, or in Suits concealed or withdrawn, you ſhall put your power to call it again; And if ye may not do it, ye ſhall tell unto the **King**, or to thoſe of his Council, of whom ye ſhall underſtand for to be certain, that they ſhall inform the **King** thereof; And ye ſhall truely and right wiſely treat the people of your Bayly, and right ye ſhall do to every perſon, as well to Stranger as to privy, to poor as to rich, in that that belongeth to you for to do; And that for highneſs, nor for riches, for gift, promiſe, favour, nor hate, ye ſhall no wrong do to any perſon, nor to any man ye ſhall the right let; Ye ſhall not take

whereby the **King** may leeſe, or by which the right may be letted; And alſo that ye may ſet good keeping upon the Aſſize of Bread, Wine Fiſh, Fleſh, Corn, and all other Victuals, and alſo of Weights and Meaſures in the ſaid City, doing ſad and due execution upon the defaults that there ſhall be found, according to all the Statutes thereof made not repealed, and that in all things to the Mayor of the ſaid City longing for to do, well and truly you ſhall have you, and do; So help you God, and holydome,

The Oath *of the Sub Treaſurer, as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the room of Under Treaſurer of this his *Exchequer*, and in the Receipt of the ſame; and well and truly ſurvey and order as well the Receipts of all ſums of money, pay'd and to be pay'd to the **Kings** uſe in the ſaid Receipt, as the iſſue of the ſame; And well and truly behave your ſelf in the ſame room; So help you God, and all Saints, and the holy Evangeliſts.

The

The Oath *of the Auditor of the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

Ye ſhall wear, That ye ſhall truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of one of the Auditors of this *Exchequer*, during the time ye ſhall have the ſame; And well and truly ye ſhall intreat, and with all goodly ſpeed ye ſhall rid ſuch perſons as ſhall be by this Court Aſſigned to Accompt before you; Ye ſhall not take of any Perſon, whereby the Kings Majeſty may loſe, nor conſent to any untruth; And right ye ſhall do to every Accomptant that ſhall have to do before you, according to your wit and diſcretion, and ſafely and ſurely keep ſuch Records, Writs, and other Mynuments of this Court as ſhall be committed for any time to your cuſtody, without raiſing or embezlinng of the ſame. So God you help, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Ingroſſer of the great Roll, as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

Ye ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **Kings** Majeſty our Sovereign Lord, in the Office of Ingroſſer of the great Roll, otherwiſe called the Clerk of the Pipe of this *Exche-*

Clerk of the Pipe.

quer, and the Office, with all the Rolls, Records, Accompts, and other Mynuments, being and remaining in the ſame, and that hereafter ſhall be committed to your cuſtody, and pertaining to the ſame Office; Ye ſhall ſafely and ſurely keep, or do to be kept, to the uſe of our ſaid Soveraign Lord the King; And ye ſhall draw, or cauſe to be drawn out of the Two Remembrancers Offices, with all convenient ſpeed, all manner of Femes, or other Debts and Duties to be engroſſed; And all the ſaid Femes, Debts and Duties, ye ſhall ſet forth to be ſummoned at the next Liberate; And ye ſhall true entry make of all Awards made by the Court upon any Oppoſal of any Sheriff, or other Accomptants, for and concerning any Femes, Debts or other the Kings Duties; And the ſame Awards ye ſhall ſet out in the Scrowles of the Pipes; And alſo, ye ſhall well and truly make and diſcharge, or cauſe to be made and diſcharged, all Allowances and diſcharges the ſame Term, or the next Vacation, before the firſt day of the next Term, without any further delay; And ye ſhall not take of any perſon or perſons, by promiſe, gift, reward, or otherwiſe, whereby the King may loſe, or be hindred, or his ſaid Femes, Debts, or other duties may be prolonged or detained by any time; or elſe by the which, the right let to any manner of perſon and perſons: And well and truly, and with all convenient ſpeed, ye ſhall diſcharge, or cauſe to be diſcharged, all perſons of all ſuch things as the Court ſhall

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award, belonging to your ſaid Office; And all this ye ſhall do, during ſuch time as ye ſhall be Officer in the ſaid Office, without fraud or guile; So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of the Chancellor of the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve well and truly the King our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of Chancellor of his *Exchequer*, and well and truly ye ſhall do all things, that appertaineth to that Office; And ye ſhall ſpeed the Kings Buſineſs before all other; And ye ſhall not enſeal any Writ of Judgment of any other Place then of the *Exchequer*, with the Seal of this Place, whiles the *Chancery* ſhall be twenty Miles about the place where this *Exchequer* is abiding; And alſo, ye ſhall ſwear, That if it fortune, that if hereafter, by reaſon of your Office, to make any Clerks or Miniſters to execute any Office or Place within this Court, ye ſhall make ſuch Clerks or Miniſters, as ye will anſwer for at your peril, and ſuch as ſhall be ſufficient, true, and intendant unto that to them ſhall appertain, in ſpeed, as well of the Kings Buſineſs, as of his People, after the form of the Statute in that behalf, made in the Parliament holden at *Weſtminſter* the ſecond year of the Reign of King *Henry* the VI. So help you God, *&c.*

The Oath *of a Baron of the* Exchequer, *as as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall ſwear, That well and truly ye ſhall ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of Baron of this *Exchequer*, and lawfully ye ſhall charge and diſcharge the people that have to accompt before you, and right ye ſhall do to all people, as well to poor as to rich, and that for Highneſs for riches, neither for hate, nor for the Eſtate of any perſon, for benefit, gift, nor promiſe of any perſon that may be made to you, or ſhall be made to you, ne by Art, nor Engine, the Right of the King, nor none other you ſhall diſturb, ne reſpite, contrary to the Laws of the Land, and the **Kings** Debts ye ſhall not put in reſpite there where they may goodly be Levyed, and the Kings Buſineſs ye ſhall ſpeed before all other, and that for gift, wages, or benefit, ye ſhall not conceal the **Kings** Profit or advantage in advantage to other, nor for your ſelf; And that ye ſhall not take Fee, neither neither Robe of any perſon, but of the **King** only; and ye ſhall have nothing of any perſon for to do wrong; or delay the right, or to delude, or delay the people that have to do afore you, but in all that ye may ye ſhall deliver them; And there where ye may underſtand wrong, or prejudice, to be done to the **King**, ye ſhall put all your power and diligence to redreſs

redreſs it; And if ye may not ye ſhall tell it to the **King**, or to thoſe of his Council which may ſhew it to the **King**, if ye may not come unto him; And the **Kings** Counſel ye ſhall keep in all things; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Kings Remembrancer in the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer,

YE ſhall ſwear, That you well and truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of Remembrancer of his Majeſty of this his *Exchequer*; And the ſame Office, with all the Rolls, Records, and other Mynuments, now lying and remaining in the ſame, and that hereafter ſhall be committed to your cuſtody, and appertaining to the ſame Office, ye ſhall ſafely and ſurely keep, or do to be kept, to the uſe of our ſaid Soveraign Lord the **King**, and of his Heirs **Kings** of *England*; You ſhall true Entry make of all Awards, and other things to be entred in the ſaid Office, and that with all convenient ſpeed; You ſhall not take of any perſon or perſons, by promiſe, gift, reward, or otherwiſe, whereby the Kings Majeſty may leeſe or be hindred, or by which the right may be let, to any manner of perſon or perſons, and all other things belonging to the Maſter of the ſaid Office to do, ye ſhall well and truly do, without fraud or guile; So help you God, *&c.*

The

The Oath *of the Clerk of the* Pleas *in the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye ſhall well and truly intend, that which ſhall appertain unto your Office in ſpeed, as well of the **Kings** Buſineſs, as of his people, and all ſuch rewards as do, or ſhall concern your Office, you ſhall ſafely keep, or cauſe to be kept; And you ſhall true Entry make of all Orders, Awards, and other things to be entred into your ſaid Office, and that with all convenient ſpeed; And all other things belonging to the Maſter of the ſaid Office to do, you ſhall well and truly do; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Forreign Oppoſer of the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, That ye ſhall well and truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, his Heirs and Succeſſors, in the Office of Forreign Oppoſer of this *Exchequer*, and the **Kings** Buſineſs in the ſame ye ſhall ſpeed and diſpatch before all other; And you ſhall faithfuly and truly charge and diſcharge all Accompts and people that have to do before you, and do all other things appertaining to the ſaid Office,

fice, and ſhall well and truly behave your ſelf in the ſame Office, without undue practice, fraud or concealment, ſo long as you ſhall continue in the ſame Office; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Comptroller of the Pipe in the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and truly execute the place of the Comptroller of the Pipe in his Majeſties Court of *Exchequer* and ſhall comptrol the great Roll of the Pipe and the Pipes thereunto belonging; And ſhall twice in the year (that is to ſay) in the Term of Saint *Hiliary*, and the Holy *Trinity*, yearly writ into the Summons of the Pipe, all Femes and Debts contained in the ſaid great Roll, and well and truly behave your ſelf in the ſaid Office of Comptroller of the Pipe, as long as you ſhall continue in the ſame Office; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of the Chamberlains of the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall truly ſerve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, in the Office of one of the Chamberlains of this *Exchequer*

chequer, and truly enter and ingroſs as well all manner of Receipts of Money received, and to be received to the **Kings** uſe, at the Receipt of this *Exchequer*, as the payment of the ſame; And alſo, you ſhall ſafely and truly keep, as well all Records, being in the **Kings** Treaſury, as all other things, Leagues, Truces, Evidences, and Jewels, and all other things being to the **Kings** Treaſury, and all that hereafter ſhall be committed to your keeping; And ye ſhall not aſſent unto the deliverance of any of the **Kings** Mony, nor any other thing being in his Treaſury, without ſufficient Warrant in that behalf; And ye ſhall not depute, or put any Clerk or Miniſter to occupy any place or room under you in this Office, but ſuch as ſhall be ſufficient, true, and intendant unto that that to them ſhall appertain in ſpeed, as well of the **Kings** Buſineſs, as of his people, after the form of the Statute in that behalf made, in the Parliament holden at *Weſtminſter*, the ſecond year of the Reign of **King** *Henry* the ſixt; And in theſe, and all other things concerning your Office, ye ſhall well and truly have you, and do; So help you God, and all Saints.

The Oath *of an Eſcheator, as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall ſerve the **King** well and truly in the Office of the *Eſcheator*, in the Town of *N.* and do the **Kings** Profit in all that belongeth unto you to do, by

by way of your Office, after your wit and your power, and his Rights, and all that belongeth to his Crown ye ſhall truly keep; Ye ſhall not aſſent to decreaſe, neither conceal the **Kings** Right, nor his Franchizes; And whereſoever that ye have knowledge of the **Kings** Rights, or of his Crown, be it in Lands, Rents, Franchizes, or Suits, that be concealed or withdrawn ye ſhall do your true pain and diligence to withſtand it; And if ye may not do it, you ſhall ſay it to the **King**, or ſome of his Council, ſuch as you know for certain will ſay it to the **King**; Ye ſhall truly, and right wiſely, treat the people of your Baylywick, and do right to every man, as well to poor as to rich, in that that belongeth to you to do, by way of your Office; Ye ſhall do no wrong to any man, neither for gift, promiſe, nor hate, neither no mans right ye ſhall diſturb; ye ſhall take nothing, whereby that right may be diſturbed, letted, or delayed; Ye ſhall truly and right-wiſely return and ſerve all the **Kings** Writs; Ye ſhall in your proper perſon make the extent of Lands after their very value and enqueſts, to return them as oft as they be taken afore you, and that within a month after they be taken, ye ſhall take no Bayley into your ſervice, but ſuch as ye will anſwer for, and ye ſhall do your Bayliffs, to make ſuch Oath as it belongeth to them. Ye ſhall truly and right wiſely yeild accompt at the **Kings** *Exchequer*, of all Iſſues of your ſaid Bayliffwick; Ye ſhall take your enqueſts in open places, and that by Indenture after the

the effect of the Statute thereof made; As God help you, and his Saints.

The Oath *of the Deputy Chamberlain of the* Exchequer, *as it is entred in the Red Book of the* Exchequer.

Ye shall swear, That ye shall well and truly serve the **King** our Soveraign Lord, as Deputy unto *A.D.* one of the Chamberlains of the *Exchequer*, in the Office of the said Chamberlain of this Court, and shall surely joyn all such Tables as any Accomptant or Debtor shall bring unto you to be joyned with the Foyles of the same, being in your charge and custody; And the same Tables so joyned, ye shall deliver over unto the Clerks of the Pipe, or the ingrosser of the great Roll in this Court, and do all other things appertaining to the said Office, so long as ye shall be Officer there; So God you help and his Saints.

The Oath *to be ministred to all Churchwardens, and Sidemen, within the Dioceſs of* Salisbury, *to preſent according to Articles publiſhed in* Anno. 1616.

You shall swear, That all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward and gain, or fear of displeasure, or malice set aside; You shall upon due consideration of the Articles given

ven you in charge, Preſent all and every ſuch perſon within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence or fault, or made any default mentioned in theſe or any of thoſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected or defamed, of any ſuch offence fault, or default, wherein you ſhall deal uprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice, preſenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection, ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceal the truth, having in this action God before your eyes, with an earneſt zeal to maintain the truth, and to ſuppreſs vice; So help you God, and the contents of this Book.

The Oath *to be miniſtred to all Church-wardens within the Dioceſs of* Briſtol, *in the Viſitation to Preſent according to Articles publiſhed in* Anno, 1595.

YE **ſhall ſwear**, Calling Almighty God to witneſs, who ſeeth into your hearts, and knoweth your very thoughts, That you, and every of you, ſhall diligently and faithfully perform and execute the Office whereunto he is appointed, and ſetting apart all malice, hatred, love, fear, or affection, to any perſon or perſons, ſhall diligently enquire, and truly preſent and diſcover, all, and every ſuch perſon or perſons within your Pariſh, either known, commonly reported, or vehemently ſuſpected to have committed any Miſdemeanour, Fault, Default,

Default, Crime, Sin, or Offence, mentioned or ſpecified within any the Articles in this Book compriſed, or in the ſame omitted, which coming to your knowledge, are by Eccleſiaſtical Authority to be reformed; So help you God, in Chriſt Jeſus.

The Proteſtation.

I A. B. Do in the preſence of Almighty God, Promiſe, Vow, and Proteſt to maintain and defend, as far as lawfully I may, with my life, power, and eſtate, the true Reformed Proteſtant Religion, expreſſed in the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, againſt all Popery and Popiſh Innovations within this Realm, contrary to the ſame Doctrine, and according to the duty of my Allegiance, his Majeſties Royal Perſon, Honour, and Eſtate; as alſo the Power and Priviledges of Parliament, the lawful Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and every perſon that maketh this Proteſtation, in whatſoever he ſhall do in the lawful purſuance of the ſame. And to my power, and as far as lawfully I may, I will oppoſe, and by all good ways and means endeavour to bring to condign puniſhment, all ſuch as ſhall either by Force, Practice, Counſels, Plots, Conſpiracies, or otherwiſe, do any thing to the contrary of any thing in this preſent Proteſtation contained. And further, That I ſhall in all juſt and honourable ways endeavour to preſerve the Union and Peace between the

the three Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*; and neither for hope, fear, nor other-reſpect ſhall relinquiſh this Promiſe, Vow and Proteſtation.

The Vow *and* Covenant *appointed by the Lords and Commons Aſſembled in Parliament, to be taking by every man, in the Cities of* London, Weſtminiſter, *the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, and throughout the whole Kingdome.*

I A. B. In humility and reverence of the Divine Majeſty, declare my hearty ſorrow for my own ſins, and the ſins of this Nation, which have deſerved the calamities and judgments that now lye upon it; And my true intention is, by Gods grace to endeavour the amendment of my own wayes; And that I do abhor and deteſt the ſaid wicked and treacherous Deſign lately diſcovered, and that I never gave, nor will give my aſſent to the execution thereof, but will according to my power and Vocation oppoſe and reſiſt the ſame, and all other of the like nature. And in caſe any other like Deſign ſhall hereafter come to my knowledge, I will make ſuch timely diſcovery as I ſhall conceive may beſt conduce to the preventing thereof. And whereas I do in my conſcience believe, That the Forces raiſed by the Two Houſes of Parliament, are raiſed and continued for their juſt Defence, and for the De-

ference of the true Proteſtant Religion and Liberties of the Subject, againſt the Forces raiſed by the **King**: I do here in the preſence of Almighty God, Declare, Vow, and Covenant, That I will, according to my power and Vocation, aſſiſt the Forces raiſed and continued by both Houſes of Parliament, againſt the Forces raiſed by the **King** without their conſent; and will likewiſe aſſiſt all other perſons that ſhall take this Oath, in what they ſhall do in purſuance thereof, and will not directly or indirectly adhere unto, nor ſhall willingly aſſiſt the Forces raiſed by the **King** without the conſent of both Houſes of Parliament. And this Vow and Covenant I make in the preſence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts with a true intention to perform the ſame, as I ſhall anſwer at the great Day, when the ſecrets of all hearts ſhall be diſcloſed.

The Solemn League and Covenant.

1. THat we ſhall ſincerely, really and conſtantly, through the grace of God, endeavour in our ſeveral places and callings the preſervation of the Reformed Religion in the Church of *Scotland*, in Doctrin, Worſhip, Diſciplin and Government againſt our common Enemies; the Reformation of Religion in the Kingdoms of *England* and *Ireland*, in Doctrin Worſhip, Diſciplin and Government according to the Word of God, and the Example of the beſt Reformed Churches; And ſhall endeavour to bring the Churches of God in the Three Kingdoms,

Kingdoms, to the neareſt Conjunction and Uniformity in Religion, Confeſſion of Faith, Form of Church-government, Directory for Worſhip and Catechizing: That we and our Poſterity after us may as Brethren live in faith and love, and the Lord may delight to dwell in the midſt of us.

2. That we ſhall in like manner, without reſpect of perſons, endeavour the extirpation of Popery, Prelacy, (that is Church-Government by Arch-Biſhops, Biſhops, their Chancellors and Commiſſaries, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Arch-deacons, and all other Eccleſiaſtical Officers depending on that Hierarchy) Superſtition, Hereſie, Schiſm, Prophaneſs, and whatſoever ſhall be found to be contrary to ſound Doctrin, and the power of godlineſs; leſt we pertake in other mens ſins, and thereby be in danger to receive of their plagues, and that the Lord may be one, and his Name one in the Three Kingdoms.

3. We ſhall with the ſome ſincerity, reality, and conſtancy, in our ſeveral Vocations endeavour with our Eſtates and Lives, mutually to preſerve the Rights and Priviledges of the Parliament, and the Liberties of the Kingdoms, and to preſerve and defend the **Kings** Majeſties Perſon and Authority, in the preſervation and defence of the true Religion and Liberties of the Kingdoms, that the world may bear witneſs with our conſciences of our loyalty; And that we have no thoughts or intentions to diminiſh his Majeſties juſt power and great neſs.

4. We ſhall alſo with all faithfulneſs endeavour the diſcovery of all ſuch as have been or ſhall be Incendiaries, Malignants, or evil Inſtruments, by hindring the Reformation of Religion, dividing the King from his people, or one of the Kingdoms from another, or making any Faction or Parties amongſt the people contrary to this League and Covenant, that they may be brought to publick Tryal, and receive condign puniſhment as the degree of their Offences ſhall require or deſerve, or the Supream Judicatories of both Kingdoms reſpectively, or others, having power from them for that effect, ſhall judg convenient.

5. And whereas the happineſs of a bleſſed Peace between theſe Kingdoms, denied in former times to our Progenitors, is by the good providence of God granted unto us, and hath been lately concluded and ſettled by both Parliaments, we ſhall each one of us, according to our place and intereſt, endeavour that they may remain conjoyned in a firm Peace and Union to all Poſterity; And that Juſtice may be done upon the wilful Oppoſers thereof, in manner expreſſed in the preſent Artieles.

6. We ſhall alſo, according to our places and callings, in this Common Cauſe of Religion, Liberty and Peace of the Kingdoms, aſſiſt, and defend all thoſe that enter into this League and Covenant, in the maintaining and purſuing thereof, and ſhall not ſuffer our ſelves directly or indirectly, by whatſoever combination, perſwaſion or terror, to be divided and withdrawn from

from this bleſſed Union and Conjunction, whether to make defection to the contrary part, or give our ſelves to a deteſtable indifferency or neutrality in this Cauſe; which ſo much concerneth the glory of God, the good of the Kingdoms, and Honour of the King, but ſhall all the dayes of our lives zealouſly and conſtantly continue therein againſt all oppoſition, and promote the ſame according to our power againſt all Lets and Impediments whatſoever, and what we are not able our ſelves to ſuppreſs or overcome, we ſhall reveal and make known, that it may be timely prevented or removed, all which we ſhall do as in the ſight of God.

And becauſe theſe Kingdoms are guilty of many ſins and provocations againſt God, and his Son Jeſus Chriſt, as is too manifeſt by our preſent diſtreſſes and dangers, the fruits thereof. We profeſs and declare before God and the world, our unfeigned deſire to be humbled for our own ſins, and for the ſins of theſe Kingdoms, eſpecially that we have not as we ought valued the ineſtimable benefit of the Goſpel, that we have not laboured for the purity and power thereof, and that we have not endeavoured to receive Chriſt in our hearts, nor to walk worthy of him in our lives, which are the cauſes of other ſins and tranſgreſſions, ſo much abounding amongſt us. And our true and unfeigned purpoſe, deſire, and indeavour for our ſelves and all others under our power and charge, both in publick and in private, in all duties we owe to God and man, to amend our lives and

each one to go before another in the example of a real Reformation, that the Lord may turn away his wrath and heavy indignation, and eſtabliſh theſe Churches and Kingdoms in truth and peace. And this Covenant we make in the preſence of Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, with all true intention to perform the ſame, as we ſhall anſwer at that great day, when the ſecrets of all hearts ſhall be diſcloſed, moſt humbly beſeeching the Lord to ſtrengthen us by his holy Spirit for this end, and to bleſs our deſires and proceedings with ſucceſs, as may be deliverance and ſafety to his people, and encouragement to other Chriſtian Churches, groning under, or in danger of the yoke of Antichriſtian Tyranny, to joyn in the ſame, or like Aſſociation and Covenant to the glory of God, the enlargement of the Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt, and the Peace and Tranquility of Chriſtian Kingdoms and Common-wealths.

The Coronation Oath *of King* Charles *the Second.*

Arch-Biſhop: Sir, will you grant and keep, and by your Oath confirm to the people of *England*, the Laws and Cuſtoms to them granted by the **Kings** of *England*, your Lawful and Religious Predeceſſors; And namely, the Laws, Cuſtoms, and Franchizes, granted to the Clergy by the Glorious **King** Saint *Edward* your Predeceſſor, according to the Laws of God, the tru e

true Profession of the Gospel Established in this Kingdom, agreeable to the prerogative of the Kings thereof, and the Ancient Customs of the Realm?

King, I grant and Promise to keep them.

Arch-Bishop, Sir, will you keep Peace and Godly Agreement (according to your Power) both to God, the Holy Church, the Clergy and the People?

King, I will keep it.

Arch-bishop, Sir will you to your power cause Law, Justice and discretion in mercy and truth to be Executed to your Judgement?

King, I will.

Arch-bishop, Sir, will you grant to hold and keep the Laws and rightful Customs which the Commonalty of this your Kingdome have, and will you defend and uphold them, to the honour of God, so much as in you lies?

King, I grant and Promise so to do.

The Form of **The Oath** *to be taking by all Officers of the Excise Office directed by the Stat. of* 12 Car. 2. Cap. 23 & 24.

YOu shall swear, to Execute the Office of truly and faithfully without favour or affection, and shall from time to time, true Account make and deliver to such person and persons as his Majesty shall appoint to receive the same; and shall take no Fee, or reward for the Execution of the said Office, from any o-

other perſon then from his Majeſty, or thoſe whom his Majeſty ſhall appoint in that behalf. So help you God.

By the Stat. of the 13 *Car.* 2*d. Cap.* 1. It is (*inter alia*) Enacted, that all perſons, who upon the 24 of *December*, 1661. ſhall be Mayors, Aldermen, Recorders, Bayliffes, Town Clerks, Common-Council men, and other perſons then bearing any Office or Offices of Magiſtracy, or places of Truſt, or other Imployment relating to, or concerning the Government of the ſaid reſpective Cities, Corporations, and Burroughs, and Cinque ports, and their members, and other Port Towns ſhall at any time before the 25. day of *March*, 1663. when they ſhall be thereunto required by the ſaid reſpective Commiſſioners, or any three or more of them, take the Oaths of Allegiance (*a*) and Supremacy (*b*) and this Oath following.

(*a*) *vide before fol.* 36.
(*b*) *vide before fol.* 38.

The Oath *to be taken by all Officers in Corporations* &c. *by the Stat.* 13. Car. 2. cap. 1. *and by all Officers of the* Militia, *and* Soldiers, *by the Statute* 13 *and* 14. Car. 2. cap. 3.

I A. B. do declare and believe that it is not lawful upon any pretence whatſoever to take Arms againſt the King; And that I do abhor that Traiterous poſition of taking Arms by his Authority

Authority againſt his perſon, or againſt thoſe that are Commiſſionated by him. So help me God.

And alſo at the ſame time ſhall publickly Subſcribe before the ſaid Commiſſioners or any three of them, this following *Declaration.*

Declaration *to be Subſcribed by all Officers of Corporations by the Statute.* 13. Car. 2*d.* Cap. 1.

I A. B. do declare, that I hold that there lies no Obligation upon me or any other perſon from the *Oath* Commonly called *The Solemn League and Covenant* (*a*) And that the ſame was in it ſelf an unlawful *Oath*, and Impoſed upon the Subjects of this Realm againſt the known Laws, and Liberties, of the Kingdome.

(*a*) *vide before fol.* 226.

Declaration of Aſſent and Conſent *to the Book of Common-Prayer, to be ſubſcribed by all Parſons, Vicars, and Miniſters, by the Statute of* 13. *and* 14. Car. 2*d.* Cap. 4.

I A. B. do hereby declare my unfeigned Aſſent and Conſent to all and every thing Contained and preſcribed in and by the Book, Intituled, The Book of Common-prayer and Adminiſtration of the Sacraments and other rights and

and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the uſe of the Church of *England*, together with the *Pſalter* or *Pſalms* of *David*, printed, as they are to be Sung, or ſaid in Churches, and the form or manner of Making, Ordaining, and Conſecrating of *Biſhops, Prieſts, and Deacons.*

Declaration or acknowledgment, to be ſubſcribed by all perſons in holy Orders, and all Schoolmaſters, directed by the Statute of the 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 4. *and by all Veſtry men by the Statute* 14 Car. 2. Cap. 5.

I A. B. do declare, that it is not Lawful upon any pretence whatſoever to take Arms againſt the **King**. And that I do Abhor that Traiterous poſition of taking Arms by his authority againſt his perſon, or againſt thoſe that are Commiſſioned by him; and that I will conform to the Liturgy of the Church of *England*, as it is now by Law Eſtabliſhed: And I do declare that I do hold there lies no Obligation upon me, or any other perſon, from the *Oath* commonly called the *Solemn League and Covenant*, to endeavor any Change or Alteration of Government, either in Church, or State, and that the ſame was in it ſelf an unlawful *Oath*, and impoſed upon the Subjects of this Realm againſt the known Laws and Liberties of this Kingdome.

Note

Note, *By the ſaid Satute of* 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 4. *it is provided, that from and after the* 25*th. day of* March, 1682. *There ſhall be omitted in the abovementioned Declaration or Acknowledgment ſo to be Subſcribed, theſe following words,* (viz.)

And I do declare, That I do hold there lies no Obligation on me, or on any other Perſon from the **Oath**, commonly called the *Solemn League and Covenant*, to endeavour any Change or Alteration of Government either in Church or State; And that the ſame was in it ſelf an unlawful **Oath**, and Impoſed upon the Subjects of this Realm, againſt the known Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom.

The Oath *to be taken by the Warden and Aſſiſtants of the* Worſted Weavers, *or Maſter-*Weavers *in the City of* Norwich, *and County of* Norfolk, *directed by the Statute of the* 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 5.

I A. B. do ſwear, That I will well, faithfully, and honeſtly perform, and diſcharge the Office of Warden of the ſaid Trade of *Worſted-Weavers*, according to the beſt of my skill, power, and knowledge, So help me God.

The like Oath taking by the Aſſiſtants, *mutatis mutandis.*

The

The Oath *to be taken by the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Manufacture of Broad Woollen Cloath in the* West *Riding, in the County of* York, *directed by the Statute of the* 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 32.

I A: B. do ſwear, That I will well, faithfully, and honeſtly, perform, and diſcharge the Office of Maſter of the Corporation of the Free *Cloathiers* according to the beſt of my skill, power and knowledge. So help me God.

The like for the Wardens and Aſſiſtants, *mutatis mutandis.*

The Oath *of the Searchers of Broad Woollen Cloath within the ſaid* West *Riding directed by the ſame Statute.*

I A. B. do ſwear, That I ſhall well, and truly Execute the Office of Searcher of Broad-Woollen-Cloath within the *Weſt*-Riding of the County of *York*, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, and according to the beſt of my skill and knowledge. So help me God.

The

The Oath *to be taken by the Commiſſioners appointed for ſettling the draining the Fens called* Bedford Level, *directed by the Statute of the* 15 Car. 2. Cap. 17.

I A. B. Shall, and will without favour or affection, hatred or malice, truly and impartially, according to the beſt of my skill and knowledge, execute, and perform, all and every the Powers and Authorities Eſtabliſhed by this Act of Parliament. So help me God.

The Oath *of the Surveyors of the ſame Level directed to be taken by the Statute of the* 20 Car. 2. Cap. 8.

I A. B. do ſwear, That according to the beſt of my skill and knowledge, I will faithfully diſcharge the truſt of Surveying, Sorting, Dividing and Rateing of Eighty three Thouſand Acres parcel of ninety five Thouſand Acres within the great *Level* of the Fens, known by the name of *Bedford-Level*, according to ſeven degrees or more, as I upon my Oath ſhall think moſt equal. So help me God.

The

The Form of the **Oath** *required by the Statute of the* 17 Car. 2. Cap. 2. *to be taken by all Miniſters dwelling within Five Miles of a Corporation, who have not ſubſcribed the* Aſſent and Conſent, *and the Declaration mentioned in the Statute of the* 13 & 14 Car. 2. Cap. 4. *before ſpecified.*

I A. B. do ſwear, That it is not Lawful upon any pretence whatſoever, to take Arms againſt the King, And that I do abhor that Traiterous poſition of taking Arms by his Authority againſt his Perſon, or againſt thoſe that are Commiſſioned by him, in purſuance of ſuch Commiſſions; And that I will not at any time endeavour any alteration of Government either in Church or State. So help me God.

The Form of the **Oath** *to be taken by the Preſident, Warden, and Aſſiſtants of the* Kiderminſter-Weavers, *directed by the Statute of the* 22 & 23 Car. 2. Cap. 8.

I A. B. do ſwear, That I will well, faithfully, and honeſtly perform and diſcharge the Office of Preſident, or Warden, or Aſſiſtant—*mutatis mutandis*—of the Trade of *Cloathiers* and *Stuff Weavers* within the Burrough and Pariſh of *Kidderminſter* according to the beſt of my skill, power, and knowledge. So help me God.

The

The Form of **The Oath** *to be taken by poor Priſoners, not worth* 10. l. *directed by the Stat.* 22 *and* 23 Car. 2. Cap. 20.

I A. B. do upon my Corporal *Oath*, Solemly profeſs and declare before Almighty God, that I have not any Eſtate real or perſonal in poſſeſſion, reverſion, or remainder of the value of ten pounds in the whole, or ſufficient to pay the Debt, or Damages, for which I am impriſoned, And that I have not directly or Indirectly, ſold, Leaſed, or otherwiſe conveyed diſpoſed of or intruſted all, or any part of my Eſtate, thereby to ſecure the ſame, to receive or expect any profit, or Advantage thereof, or defraud, or deceive any Creditor, or Creditors whatſoever, to whom I ſtand Indebted.

The Teſt *or* **Declaration** *to be Subſcribed by all Perſons that ſhall bear any Offices, or places of Truſt directed by the Act made for preventing dangers which may happen from Popiſh Recuſants,* 25 Car. 2. Cap. 2.

When the perſons concerned in this Act ſhall take the aforeſaid Oaths *of* (*a*) Supremacy *and* (*b*) Allegiance *they ſhall likewiſe make and Subſcribe this Declaration following* viz.

(*a*) *ſee fol.* 38
(*b*) *ſee foll.* 36.

I A. B. do declare, That I do believe that there is not any *Tranſubſtantiation* in the *Sacrament* of the Lords Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at or after the Conſecration thereof by any perſon whatſoever.

The Form of the Declaration *directed by the Stat.* 30. Car. 2. Cap. 1. *to be ſubſcribed by all Peers or Members of the Houſe of* Lords, *and Members of the Houſe of* Commons, *before they can vote in either of the ſaid Houſes.*

Note, *They are firſt to take the* Oath *of Allegiance, and Supremacy, and then make and Subſcribe the following Declaration,* viz.

I A. B. do Solemnly, and Sincerely in the preſence of God, profeſs, teſtifie, and declare *That I do believe,* that in the *Sacrament* of the *Lords Supper,* there is not any *Tranſubſtantiation* of the *Elements* of Bread and Wine, into the Body and Blood of *Chriſt,* at or after the Conſecration thereof, by any perſon whatſoever: And that the Invocation, or Adoration of the *Virgin Mary,* or any other Saint, and the Sacrifice of the *Maſs,* as they are now uſed in the Church of *Rome,* are *Superſtitious,* and *Idolatrous.* And I do Solemnly in the preſence of *God* profeſs, teſtifie, and Declare, that I do, make this Declaration

claration, and every part thereof in the plain and Ordinary Senſe of the words read unto me, as they are Commonly underſtood by *Engliſh Proteſtants*, without any Evaſion, Equivocation, or mental Reſervation, whatſoever, and without any Diſpenſation already granted me for this purpoſe, by the *Pope*, or any other Authority or perſon whatſoever, or without any hope of any ſuch Diſpenſation from any perſon or Authority whatſoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquited before God, or Man, or abſolved of this Declaration or any part thereof, altho the *Pope* or any other perſon or perſons or power whatſoever ſhould diſpence with or Annul the ſame, or declare that it was Null, and void from the beginning.

The Oath *of the* Recorder.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be good and true to our Soveraign Lord the King of *England*, and to his Heirs and lawful Succeſſors, and to the City of *London* in the Office of Recorder, and Franchizes and Cuſtoms of the ſame City within the City and without, after your power ye ſhall maintain, and the Counſel of the ſaid City ye ſhall not diſcover which ſhould turn or be to the hurt of the ſame City; Alſo ye ſhall well and continually, keep and rule the Kings Majeſties Courts, in the Chamber, and in the Huſtings, after the Cuſtome of this City, and

ye ſhall not let for gift, ne for favour, for promiſe, ne for hate, but Law and right ye ſhall do to all manner of people as well to Poor as Rich, Denizens and Strangers, That before you ſhall plead in Huſtings pleas, and other and all manner of pleas, that before you ſhall be pleaded ye ſhall well and truly record, and your diligence ye ſhall do to ſee the ſaid plea be well and lawfully enrolled. Alſo right ſhall none let, neither no Judgments tarry without Cauſe reaſonable; And if ye know where the profit or the right of the City, be it in Lands, or Rents, is with-drawn or concealed ye ſhall ſhew it to the Mayor, and to the Aldermen for the Salvation of the right of the City, and ready ye ſhall be to come at the warning of the Mayor and Sheriffs, or their Miniſters for good and wiſe Counſel to give, and to ride and go with them at all times when need ſhall be to maintain the State of this City, Alſo ye ſhall attend to ſave, and maintain the Right of Orphans after the Laws and Uſages of this City. Alſo ye ſhall Swear, that you ſhall take no mony, reward, nor gift, wittingly of any perſon for any matter moved and hanging before the Mayor, Aldermen, or Sheriffs, or before the Mayor of this City of *London*, for the time being, Alſo ye ſhall take no manner of money nor other reward, for any matter, or cauſe moved or hanging in any Court of this City wherein by reaſon of your Office, you ſhall have any Authority or power, except only the Fees to your Office, of Old time due, uſed, and accuſtomed,

cuſtomed: Alſo ye ſhall bear all manner of Taxes and all other charges to you to be levied within this City during your Office, like as Citizens, of this City ſhall do for their part, and thus ye ſhall do. As God you help.

The Oath *of the Common-Council men within the City of* London *of Old time uſed and accuſtomed.*

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be true to our Soveraign Lord the King, That now is, and to his Heirs and lawful Succeſſors, and readily come when ye be ſummoned to the Common Council of this City, but if ye be reaſonably Excuſed; And good and true Counſel ye ſhall give in all things touching the Commonweal of this City, after your wit and cunning: And that for favour of any man ye ſhall maintain no ſingular profit againſt the Common profit of this City: And after that ye be come to the Common-Council, ye ſhall not from thence depart till the Common-Council be ended, without reaſonable cauſe be, elſe by the Mayors Licenſe: And alſo that all ſecret things that be ſpoken, or ſaid in the Common-Council, the which ought to be kept Secret ye ſhall in no wiſe diſcloſe. As God you help.

The Oath *of the Attornyes of the Sheriffs Courts,* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and Lawfully do your Office of Attorny, and well and Lawfully Examine your Client and their Quarrel without Champerty, and without procureing of any Juries, or any Enqueſt embracing; And that ye ſhall change no quarrel out of his nature after your underſtanding, Alſo ye ſhall plead, *Ne Ley,* ne ſuffer to be pleaded, or Leyed by your aſſent no forreign Releaſe, acquittance, payment, Arbitration, plain account whatſoever it be to put the Court out of its Juriſdiction, nor none other matter, but it be ſuch as ye may find rightful and true by the Information of your Client, whoſe Information and ſaying upon your *Oath,* and Conſcience ye ſhall think to the true. And ye ſhall not Inform ne Enforce any man to ſue falſely againſt any perſon by falſe or forged Action. Ready ye ſhall be at all times to come and attend at the warning of the Mayor and of the Sheriffs of the ſaid City, unleſs ye be letted about the buſineſs of this City, or for ſome other reaſonable cauſe. The Franchizes, Laws, and Ordinances, of this City you ſhall keep, and do to be kept to your power. And that well and lawfully ye ſhall do all things that to the Office of Attorney pertaineth to do. As God help you.

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The Oath *of the Conſtables within the City of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall keep the peace of our Soveraign Lord the King well and Lawfully after your power: And ye ſhall Arreſt all them that make conteſt, Riot, Debate, or Affray, in Breaking of the ſaid Peace, and lead them to the Houſe or Compter of one of the Sheriffs: And if ye be withſtood by ſtrength of Miſdoers, ye ſhall rear on them an Outcry, and purſue them from Street to Street, and from Ward to Ward, till they be arreſted: And ye ſhall ſearch at all times, when ye be required by the Scavengers, or Beadles, the Common Noyſance of your Ward: And the Beadle and Raker ye ſhall help to rear and gather in their Sallary and Quarterage, if ye be thereunto by them required. And if any thing be done within your Ward, againſt the Ordinance of this City, ſuch defaults as ye ſhall find there done, ye ſhall then preſent to the Mayor and Miniſters of this City, And if ye be letted by any perſon or perſons, that ye may not duely do your Office ye ſhall certify the Mayor and Council of the City of the name or names of him, or them, that ſo let you; ye ſhall alſo, ſwear that during the time that ye ſhall ſtand in the Office and occupy the Room of Conſtable, ye ſhall once at the leaſt every Month certify and ſhew to one of the Clerks

of the Mayors Court, and in the ſame Court as well the names as Sirnames of all Freemen which ye ſhall know to be deceaſed within the Month in the Pariſh wherein ye be inhabited, as alſo the names and Sirnames of all the Children of the ſaid Freemen ſo deceaſed, being Orphants of this City.: And you ſhall Enquire of all and every the Offences done contrary to the Statutes made. 1. 4. &. 21. *Jac.* to reſtrain the Inordinate haunting and tipling in Inns, and Alehouſes, and for repreſſing of Drunkenneſs, and other diſorders, and thereof due preſentments make, according to the ſame Statutes. And thus ye ſhall not leave to do. As God you help.

The Oath *of an Appraiſer of Goods within the City of* London.

YOu, and every of you ſhall ſwear, That the Appraiſement of the Goods and Chattles of *A. B.* Late Citizen and Mercer of *London*, deceaſed, ſhall be a juſt and true valuation and Appraiſement of the ſame Goods and Chattels according to the beſt of your Judgments and Skill. So help you God.

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YOu, and either of you, ſhall ſwear, that the Appraiſment you have made of the Goods and Chattels in this Schedle, or Inven-

tory ſpecified whereunto you have Subſcribed your names is a juſt and true valuation and Appraiſment of the ſame Goods, and Chattels according to the beſt of your Judgments and skills. So help you God.

The Oath *of a Garniſhee upon a Forraign Attachment in* London.

YOu ſhall ſwear, That at the time of the Attachment made which was the day of Laſt paſt between the hours of Nine and Ten, in the forenoon of the ſame day, or at any time ſince, you had not owed nor did detain, nor yet have owed or do detain from C. in the Bill Original and Attachment aforeſaid, the Defendant named, any part of the ſaid Sum of ſo as aforeſaid, nor any peny thereof in manner and Form as the plaintiff by his Bill Original, and Attachment aforeſaid hath Suppoſed. So help you God.

The Oath *of an Attorney of the Mayors Court.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall well and lawfully do your Office of Attorney, and well, and lawfully examine your Clients and their quarrells without Champerty, and without procuring of any Juries or any Enqueſts enforcing. And that you ſhall change no

out of its nature after your underſtanding, and you ſhall plead ne ley nor ſuffer to be pleaded or leyed by your aſſent no Forreign releaſe, acquittance, payment, Arbitration, plain Accompt whatſoever it be to put the Court out of its Juriſdictions nor none other matter but it be ſuch as you ſhall find rightful, and true by the Information of your Clients whoſe Information and ſaying upon your *Oath* and *Conſcience* you ſhall believe to be true, and you ſhall not inform, ne inforce any man to ſue falſly againſt any perſons, by falſe or forged Actions; Attendant ye ſhall be upon the Mayor of the ſaid City for the time being, and ready ye ſhall be at all times to come at the warning of the ſaid Mayor, but if ye be letted by the buſineſs of the ſaid City or by ſome other reaſonable cauſe ye ſhall not deliver any Book or any manner of Copy to any perſon of any thing that toucheth the Liberty of this City without Licenſe and overſight of the Mayor, Recorder, and Town Clerks of this City for the time being, or of two of them, or ſhew to any perſon any Book, concerning the Cuſtoms of the ſaid City, nor ſuffer any perſon to look upon any ſuch Book of Cuſtoms at any time ſaving only the Council of this City, but that ye ſhall keep the ſame Book ſecret among your ſelves, The ſecrets of this Court ye ſhall keep, and not diſcloſe any thing there ſpoken for the Common Weal of the ſaid City that might hurt any perſon or Brother of the ſaid Court unleſs it be ſpoken to his ſaid Brother, or to other which in his

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Conſcience or diſcretion he ſhall think it to be for the Common Weal of this City: And that well and lawfully ye ſhall do all ſuch things that to the Office of Attorney pertaineth to do: As God you help.

The Oath *of an Executor.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That this Writing contains the true laſt Will of the above named *A. B.* deceaſed, as far as you know or believe, and that you will well and truly perform the ſame by paying firſt his Debts, and then the Legacies contained in the ſaid Will as far as his Goods, Chattels and Credits will thereunto extend, and the Law charge you: And that you will make a true and perfect Inventory of all the ſaid Goods, Chattels and Credits, as alſo a juſt account when thereunto required: So help you God.

The Oath *of an Adminiſtrator.*

YOu ſhall ſwear, That the abovenamed *A. B.* deceaſed, died without any Will as far as you know or believe, and that you will well and truly adminiſter all and ſingular the Goods, Chattels and Credits of the ſaid deceaſed, and pay his Debts as far as his Goods, Chattels and Credits will thereunto extend, and the Law require you. And that you will make a

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true and perfect Inventory of all the ſaid Goods, Chattels and Credits, as alſo a juſt account when thereunto required: So help you God.

The Oath *of a Jury of Women returned to try whether a Woman convicted that pleads her Belly be quick with Child.*

YOu as fore Matron of this Jury ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall ſearch and try the Priſoner at the Bar, whether ſhe be quick with Child, and thereof a true Verdict ſhall return: So help you God.

The ſame Oath that *A. B.* your fore Matron hath taken on her part, you, and every of you ſhall well and truly obſerve and keep of your parts: So help you God.

The Oath *of an Ale-taſter within a Leet.*

YOu ſhall well and truly execute the Office of Ale-taſter within this Leet, you ſhall ſee that all Victuals, Bread, and Beer put to ſale within this Leet, be ſweet and wholſome, and of full weight and meaſure, and you ſhall in all other things execute the ſaid Office of Ale-taſter within this Leet, according to the beſt of your skill and knowledg: So help you God.

The Oath *of a Surveyer of the Moors.*

YOu ſhall well and truly execute the Office of Surveyor of the Moors within this Manor, you ſhall ſee that all Orders and By-laws made for the good Government of the Moors be duly obſerved, and ſhall preſent the Offenders at the next Court that ſhall be holden for this Mannor, and all other things belonging to that Office you ſhall well and truly execute according to the beſt of your skill and knowledg: So help you God.

The Oath *of Leather-Searchers.*

YOu ſhall do your beſt and utmoſt endeavour to ſee and try all ſuch Leather as ſhall be brought to this Town to be ſold, and ſuch as you ſhall find to be ſufficiently Tanned and dreſſed, you ſhall mark and ſeal according to the Statute for that purpoſe appointed, and ſuch as you ſhall find ſold or bought, or offered to be ſold not ſufficiently Tanned and dreſſed, you ſhall ſeize and retain in your hands until the ſame may be examined and tried by ſix skilful perſons upon their Oaths, according to the Statute in that Caſe made and provided.

You ſhall alſo keep a Book, and therein truly Regiſter all ſuch Bargains and Sales as ſhall be made of Leather, Hides or Skins, during the times of Fairs or Markets within this Town, together

gether with the prizes thereof, and the names and dwellings of the ſaid Buyers and Sellers being thereunto required by either of them, takeing for your pains therein ſuch allowances as by the Statute is appointed.

And you ſhall in all other things appertaining to the ſaid Office well and truely behave your ſelf to the beſt of your Skill, and knowledge. So help you God.

The Oath *to be Adminiſtred to any that proſecute the peace againſt any Delinquent.*

THe peace which you require againſt A.B. is not out of any ill will, or Malice which you bear to him but that you ſtand in fear of your Life, or ſome other bodily hurt to be done by him unto you, or by ſome other perſon by his procurement. So help you God.

The Oath *of a Jury upon Traverſe*

YOu ſhall well and truely try this Iſſue of Traverſe between our Soveraign Lord the **King** and *A. B.* whom you have in Charge according to your Evidence. So help you God.

The Oath *of* Tales de Circumſtantibus.

YOu ſhall well and truely try the Iſſue of this *Niſi prius* between the parties according to your Evidence. So help you God.

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The Oath *of the Lord Mayor of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and lawfully ſerve the King's Majeſty in the Office of Mayoralty in the City of *London*, and the ſame City ye ſhall ſurely and ſafely keep to the behoof of his Highneſs, his Heirs and lawful Succeſſors, and the Profit of the *King* ye ſhall do; In all things that to you belongeth, and the Right of the *King* that to the Crown appertaineth in the ſame City of *London*, lawfully ye ſhall keep. Ye ſhall not conſent to the decreaſe, ne concealment of the Rights, ne of the Franchiſes of the *King*; and where ye ſhall know the Rights of the *King* or of the Crown be it in Lands, or in Rents, Franchiſes, or Suits concealed or withdrawn, to your Power ye ſhall do to repeal it; and if you may not, ye ſhall ſay it to the *King*, or to them of his Council, that you wete will ſay it to the *King*. Alſo lawfully and rightfully ye ſhall intreat the people of your Bailwick, and Right ſhall ye do to every one, as well to Strangers as others, to Poor, as to Rich, in that belongeth you to do, and that for Highneſs, ne for Riches, for Gift, ne for Beheſt, for favour, ne for Hate, wrong ſhall ye do to no Man, ne nothing ſhall ye take by which the *King* ſhall leeſe, or Right be diſturbed or letted; and good Aſſiſe ſhall ye ſet upon Bread, [Wine] Ale, Fiſh, Fleſh, Corn, and all others Victuals; Weights and Meaſures

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in the ſame City, ye ſhall do to be kept, and due Execution do upon the Defaults that thereof ſhall be found according to all the Statutes thereof made, not repealed, and in all other things that to a Mayor of the City of *London*, belongeth to do, well and lawfully ye ſhall do and behave you. As God you help.

The Oath *of an Alderman in* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and lawfully ſerve our Soveraign Lord the *King* in the City of *London*, in the Office of Alderman, in the Ward of *N*——wherein ye ſhall be choſen Alderman, and every other Ward whereof ye ſhall be choſen Alderman hereafter, and lawfully ye ſhall entreat the People of the ſame Ward of ſuch things as to them appertaineth to do, for keeping of the City, and for maintaining of the Peace in the ſame; and the Laws and Franchiſes of this City, ye ſhall keep and maintain, within the City and without, after your wit and power; and attendant ye ſhall be to maintain the right of Orphans after the Laws and Uſages of the ſame City; and ready ye ſhall be to come at the Summons, and Warning of the Mayor and Miniſters of this City for the time being, to ſpeed the Aſſiſes, Pleas, and Judgments of the Huſtings, and other needs of this City, if you be not let by the needs of the *King*, or by ſome other reaſonable Cauſe; and good and lawful Counſel ye ſhall

ſhall give for ſuch things as touch the common Profit of the City; and ye ſhall ſell no manner Victual by retail, as Bread, Ale, Wine, Fleſh, and Fiſh, by your Apprentice, Allowes, Servants, ne by any other way, ne Profit ſhall ye none take of any ſuch manner Victual ſo ſold during your Office. The Secrets of this Court ye ſhall keep, and not diſcloſe any thing here ſpoken for the Common wealth of this City, or that might hurt any Perſon, or Brother of this ſaid Court, unleſs it be ſpoken to your Brother or to any other, which in your Conſcience and Diſcretion ye ſhall think to be for the Common-wealth of this City; and well and lawfully ye ſhall behave you in the ſaid Office, and in all other things touching the ſaid City. As God you help.

The Oath *of the Sheriff of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall be good and true unto our Soveraign Lord the *King* of *England*, and unto his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the Franchiſe of the City of *London* within and without ye ſhall ſave and maintain to your power; and ye ſhall well and lawfully keep the Shires of *London*, and *Middleſex*, and the Offices that to the ſame Shires appertain to be done well and lawfully ye ſhall do after your wit and power; and Right ye ſhall do as well to poor, as rich, and good Cuſtom you ſhall none break, ne evil Cuſtoms arrere; and the Aſſiſe of Bread, Ale,

Ale, and all other Victuals within the Franchiſe of this City, and without, well and lawfully ye ſhall keep, and do to be kept; and the Judgments and Executions of your Court, ye ſhall not tarry without cauſe reaſonable; ne Right ſhall you none diſturb. The Writs that to you come touching the State and Franchiſe of this City, you ſhall not return till you have ſhewed them to the Mayor and the Council of this City for the time being, and of them have Adviſement; and ready you ſhall be at reaſonable warning of the Mayor, for keeping of the Peace, and maintaining the State of this City; and all other things that longen to your Office and the keeping of the ſaid Shires, lawfully you ſhall do, by you and yours, and the City you ſhall keep from harm after your Power; and the Shire of *Middleſex*; ne the Goal of *Newgate* you ſhall not lett to farm. As God you help.

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Ye ſhall alſo ſwear, That ye ſhall freely give all ſuch Rooms and Offices of Serjeants and Yeomen as ſhall happen to become void during the time ye ſhall remain in the Office of Shrievalty, to ſuch apt and able Perſon or Perſons as ſhall be by you nominated to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, and by them admitted, without any Mony or other Reward to be had, taken, or hoped for in reſpect there-

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of, according to the Act of Common Council made and provided in that behalf, the *nine and twentieth* day of *April*, in the *ſix and twentieth* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady Queen *Elizabeth*, &c. As God you help.

The Oath *of the Common Clerk, or Town Clerk of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall be good and true to our Soveraign Lord the *King* and to his Heirs and lawful Succeſſors; and the City of *London*, and the Liberties and Franchiſes of the ſame, to your power ye ſhall maintain and defend; and the Counſel of the ſaid City ye ſhall keep, and the Harm of the ſame ye ſhall not know, but ye ſhall open it unto the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City for the time being; and attendant ye ſhall be upon the Mayor of the ſaid City for the time being; and ready ye ſhall be at all times to come at the warning of the ſaid Mayor, but if you be letted about the buſineſs of this City, or by ſome other reaſonable cauſe. Alſo reſiant and dwelling ye ſhall be within the City during your Office, and all Pleas of Huſtings, and all other Pleas and Records that to you belongeth to enter, ye ſhall truly enrol and enter; and all things that cometh to your keeping as well Records as other things of the City, yè ſhall do your diligence ſafely to keep; ye ſhall ſhew, ne deliver no Rcord, nor other Mynument of the

City, whereby the City might be hurt, nor no Record that toucheth the Right of any Perſon, ye ſhall hide, conceal, ne deny; and good Counſel after your Wit and Power, ye ſhall give in all things touching the Weal of this City. Alſo ye ſhall keep no Clerk under you, but ſuch as ſhall be able and admitted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City for the time being, and ſworn before the ſaid Mayor and Aldermen; nor any ſuch Clerk remove without the Aſſent of the ſaid Mayor and Aldermen. Alſo ye ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall take no Money, Reward, nor Gift of any Perſon for any matter to be moved, or the which ſhall hang before the Mayor, Aldermen, or Sheriffs, or before the Mayor of this City of *London*, for the time being. Alſo ye ſhall take no manner of Money, nor other Reward for any Matter or Cauſe which ſhall be moved, or hang in any Court of this City, wherein by reaſon of your Office, ye ſhall have any Authority or power, except only the Fees to your Office of Old times due, uſed and accuſtomed. Alſo ye ſhall bear and pay all manner Taxes, and all others Charges to you to be laid within this City, like as Citizens of the ſame City ſhall do for their part during your Office; and in all other things to your Office appertaining, well and lawfully ye ſhall behave you. As God you help.

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The Oath *of the Common Serjeant within the City of* London.

YE ſhall ſwear, That ye ſhall well and lawfully ſerve the City of *London*, in the Office of Common Serjeant; and the Laws uſages and Franchiſe of the ſame City, ye ſhall keep and defend, within the City and without after your Wit and Power; and the right of Orphans of this City ye ſhall purſue, ſave and maintain; and good and lawful Councils ye ſhall give in all things touching the common profit of this City; and the Council of the ſame City ye ſhall keep; and the common harm of this City ye ſhall not know, but you ſhall after your power let it, or give it in knowledge to the Council of this City; and attendant ye ſhall be on the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, for cauſes and needs of this City, at all times when ye ſhall be required and charged, and in all Places where need is, lawfully to ſhew and declare, and attendantly purſue for the common profit of this City. Alſo ye ſhall ſwear, That you ſhall take no Money, Reward, nor Gift of any Perſon for any Matter to be moved, the which ſhall hang before the Mayor, Aldermen or Sheriffs, or before the Mayor of the City of *London* for the time being. Alſo ye ſhall take no manner of Money nor other Reward for any Matter or Cauſe which ſhall be moved or hung in any Court

of this City, wherein by reaſon of your Office you ſhall have any Authority or power, except only the Fees to your Office, of old time due, uſed and accuſtomed. Alſo ye ſhall bear and pay all manner of Taxes, and all other Charges to you to be layed within this City, like as Citizens of the ſame City ſhall do for their part, during your Office. As God you help.

The Coronation Oath *of King* James *the Second.*

Arch Biſhop: Sir, will you grant and keep, and by your Oath confirm to the people of *England*, the Laws and Cuſtoms to them granted by the **Kings** of *England*, your Lawful and Religious Predeceſſors; And namely, the Laws, Cuſtoms, and Franchizes, granted to the Clergy by the Glorious **King** Saint *Edward* your Predeceſſor, according to the Laws of God, the true Profeſſion of the Goſpel Eſtabliſhed in this Kingdom, agreeable to the prerogative of the Kings thereof, and the Ancient Cuſtoms of the Realm?

King, I grant and Promiſe to keep them.

Arch-Biſhop, Sir, will you keep Peace and Godly Agreement (according to your Power) both to God, the Holy Church, the Clergy and the People?

King, I will keep it.

Arch-biſhop, Sir will you to your power cauſe

cauſe Law, Juſtice and diſcretion in mercy and truth to be Executed to your Judgement?

King, I will.

Arch-biſhop, Sir, will you grant to hold and keep the Laws and rightful Cuſtoms which the Commonalty of this your Kingdome have, and will you defend and uphold them, to the honour of God, ſo much as in you lies?

King, I grant and Promiſe ſo to do.

The Oaths *appointed to be taking by Members in Parliament, and others in Offices of Truſt, in the Place of the Oaths of Allegeance and Supremacy. Statute* Anno. 1. Willielmi & Mariæ.

I A. B. do ſincerely Promiſe and Swear, That I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegeance to their Majeſties, King *WILLIAM* and Queen *MARY*. So help me God, &c.

I A. B. do Swear, That I do from my Heart Abhor, Deteſt, and Abjure, as Impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and Poſition, *That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of* Rome, *may be Depoſed or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatſoever.*

And I do Declare, That no Foreign Prince, Perſon, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or

ought to have any Juriſdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence, or Authority Eccleſiaſtical or Spiritual within this Realm. So help me God, *&c.*

The Coronation Oath *eſtabliſhed per Stat. Primò* Gulielmi & Mariæ.

The Arch-Biſhop or Biſhop ſhall ſay,

WIll You ſolemnly Promiſe and Swear to Govern the People of this Kingdom of *England*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, according to the Statutes in Parliament Agreed on, and the Laws and Cuſtoms of the ſame?

The King and Queen ſhall ſay,

I ſolemnly Promiſe ſo to do.

Arch-Biſhop or Biſhop.

Will You to Your power cauſe Law and Juſtice in Mercy to be Executed in all Your Judgments.

King and Queen.

I will.

Arch-Biſhop or Biſhop.

Will You to the utmoſt of Your power Maintain the Laws of God, the true Profeſſion of the Goſpel, and the *Proteſtant* Reformed Religion Eſtabliſhed by Law? And will You Preſerve unto the Biſhops and Clergy of this Realm, and to the Churches committed to their Charge, all ſuch Rights and Priviledges as by Law do or ſhall appertain unto them, or any of them?

King

King and Queen.

All this I Promiſe to do.

After this, the King and Queen laying His and Her Hand upon the Holy Goſpels, ſhall ſay,

King and Queen.

The things which I have here before Promiſed, I will Perform and Keep. *So help me God.*

Then the King and Queen ſhall kiſs the Book.

The Declaration *of Fidelity: And Subſcription of a Profeſſion of the Chriſtian Belief to be Subſcribed by Diſſenters according to the* Stat. Primo. Gulielmi & Mariæ.

I A. B. Do ſincerely Promiſe, and ſolemnly Declare before God and the World, that I will be True and Faithful to King *William* and Queen *Mary*; And I do Solemnly Profeſs and Declare, that I do from my Heart Abhor, Deteſt, and Renounce as Impious and Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Poſition, That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of *Rome*, may be Depoſed or Murthered by Their Subjects, or any other whatſoever. And I do Declare, that no Foreign Prince, Perſon, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath, or ought to have any Power, Juriſdiction, Superiority, Preeminence or

or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm.

To Subscribe this Profession of their Christian Belief.

I A. B. Profess Faith in God the Father, And in Jesus Christ his Eternal Son, the true God, And in the Holy Spirit, one God Blessed for evermore; And do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.

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